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Bush Stepping Out Of Reagan Shadow

🐔 In His Appointments and Remarks, He Begins to Define His Presidency

By R.W. Apple Jr. WASHINGTON - Presidentelect George Bush has begun, through his appointments and his comments at news conferences, to draw some sharp distinctions between the administration that is ending and the one that is begin-

Mr. Bush has moved with such dispatch and with such seeming

NEWS ANALYSIS

confidence, in fact, that it sometimes seems almost as if he is governing, rather than preparing to

Although the constitution specifies that Ronald Reagan will remain president until Jan. 20, it was Mr. Bush, and not Mr. Reagan, who spoke out last week in an effort to calm world financial mar-

· What he has called "this marvel-ous Martin Van Buren transition" - a reference to the fact that he is the first sitting vice president since Van Buren in 1836 to be elected to succeed the president he served has been full of symbols of change, in addition to the more obvious

signs of continuity. More than in his campaign, Mr. Bush is making it plain as the transition period proceeds that he wants to benefit from the Reagan legacy without imitating Mr. Rea-

At his news conference on Wednesday, for example, the president-elect found a deft way to suggest that he would be in closer touch with hour-by-hour reports on world crises than Mr. Reagan has been. Mr. Bush said he would be a "shake me and wake me" president, happy to be awakened in the

He added that he would read the Force Data daily intelligence briefing "every morning," again suggesting with-out saying so that he would pay more attention to detail than his

In discussing the way he would work with Brent Scowcroft, whom he named this week as his national security adviser, Mr. Bush emphasized again that he meant to be in the thick of foreign policy discussions. "I will be one who takes a NATO and the Warsaw Pact. said, and he promised that he would provide "direct access, day perts' figures on the military balance in Europe. But it highlighted And when Mr. Bush talked of the

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Pinochet Vows To Go Ouietly

SANTIAGO (AP) - General Augusto Pinochet con-firmed Friday on his 73d birthday that he would step down as scheduled following his electoral defeat, saying he his presidency ends in March

General Pinochet lost an October referendum on extending his presidency eight more years, and is obliged to call open elections, planned for December next year.



Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel's Labor Party may enter new talks with Likud next week. Page 5.

General News

Fewer bases will be available around the world for U.S. use. but naval intervention may be more effective.

Tokyo and Seoul are seeking changes in their relationship with the United States. Page 2. Czechoslovakia has stepped up attacks on independent religious activity.

Business/Finance The head of First's auto divi-

sion, Vittorio Ghidella, is resigning. Oantas and BA made bids for Air New Zealand. Page 11.

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Central Intelligence Agency, he said approvingly that Mr. Scow-croft had ensured, when he held the security adviser's post under President Gerald Ford, that "the intelli-

Under Mr. Reagan, the CIA was deeply involved in "the policy busi-ness," to Congress's great displea-

gence community stayed out of the

The very selection of Mr. Scowcroft has overtones of change, because the retired air force general has talked openly and often about his differences with Mr. Reagan on arms control and strategy in gener-

Perhaps most significantly for policy under Mr. Bush is his adviser's view that a nuclear shield of the kind envisaged under Mr. Reagan's strategic defense initiative is a "technical impossibility."

No one could accuse Mr. Bush of kicking over the traces or of turning his back on the administration of which he has been a prominent part

After all, he is keeping Mr. Reagan's last attorney general, secre-tary of the Treasury and education secretary in their jobs, and he has chosen James A. Baker 3d, a key figure in the Reagan years as White House chief of staff and then as Treasury secretary, for secretary of state, the key foreign affairs posi-

But the vice president has also See BUSH, Page 5

By Joseph Fitchett

East-West negotiations on reduc-

ures Friday for troops and conven-

NATO's presentation did not di

of armored forces in Eastern Eu-

rope. Western military authorities

fear that these forces could be used

to launch a surprise attack against

The Soviet Union has more than

half of all the weapons in Europe in

many categories, according to the

North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-

tion document. This would mean that the Soviet arsenals - for

tanks, armored cars and artillery --are larger than the combined forces

in Europe of all 16 NATO coun-

tries and the Soviet Union's six

Charts and figures also showed

the small numbers of U.S. troops

deployed in Western Europe com-

pared with allied forces in their

own and neighboring countries or compared with Soviet troops in

The NATO secretary-general,

Manfred Wörner, answered few

questions about the report, refer-

ring reporters instead to the 32-

page document, "Conventional

His reluctance to comment did

not seem to be related to the pres-

ence of nearly a dozen Soviet and

East European correspondents at

the NATO headquarters. With

increased openness on military

matters between East and West, a

Warsaw Pact press contingent reg-

ularly reports on what Western of-

But Mr. Wörner had to keep in

mind the sensitivities among West-

ern governments that produced the

document, which marks the first

time that France has allowed its

forces to be counted. Until now

France, as part of its policy of inde-

pendence, has declined to be in-

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Forces in Europe: The Facts."

allies in the Warsaw Pact.

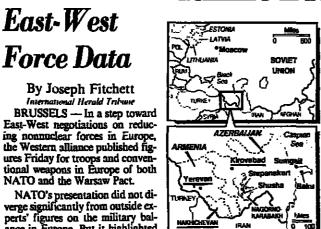
Eastern Europe.

West Germany.

NATO Issues **Ethnic Bloodshed Spreads to Armenia**

BEIRUT BATTLES — Syrian soldiers patrolled the streets in Moslem West Beirut Friday as rival Shiite militias clashed. A total

of 10 persons was reported killed in the first fighting in central Beirut since the Syrian Army was deployed there in February 1987.



Libyan Envoy

Calls on Rome

By Jennifer Parmelee

command of Colonel Moam-

mar Gadhafi, the Libyan lead-

er, has arrived in Italy on a

visit apparently calculated to

improve relations with the

Publicly, the official visit of Major Abdel Salam Jalloud, which will be followed by a

private stay that includes an audience with the pope, will

focus on Libyan debts to Ital-

ian companies and on ways to

increase the considerable

trade between the Mediterra-

But, as one Italian business-

man with long dealings in Lib-

ya said: "I wouldn't say this

visit is strictly commercial.

There's something much big-ger boiling here." He added that "Libya wants good rela-

tions with Western countries

and access to European mar-

The businessman, like most

of those interviewed, spoke on

condition of anonymity, re-

flecting the delicate nature of

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nean neighbors.

kets.

Washington Post Service
ROME — The second in

By Michael Dobbs

MOSCOW - The Soviet authorities extended a nighttime curfew to the Armenian capital, Yerevan, on Friday, and two more persons were reported to have been killed in the latest ethnic clashes between Armenians and Azerbai-

Armenian officials said that an Armenian was killed when a group of Azerbaijanis attacked an Armetown of Goris near the Azerbaijani

They said that an Azerbaijani

in northern Armenia.

Friday that his policies were allowing the people to give voice an old problem, Reuters reported.

The problem could only be solved by cooperation, Mr. Gorbachev said, adding that leaders of the rival Armenian and Azerbaijani speed."] communities were being invited to Moscow for talks. He was speaking

work Antenne-2. [Asked about the rioting in the had been killed in unknown cir- two Soviet republics, Mr. Gorba-

Courting West, Gadhafi Knocks on Europe's Door

cumstances in the town of Kalinino chev replied, "You know, it's part [The Soviet president, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, in his first public comment on the latest wave of ethnic unrest in the southern region, said problems which have accumulated over the years." In the Soviet Union, he said, "with so many races, countries and languages we

taking account of this factor, now The extension of the violence to Armenia marked a new twist in from Moscow in an interview with ethnic unrest that had so far largely

can't resolve any problem without

the French state-run television net-been confined to Azerbaijan. A state of emergency had aiready

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Markets Decline As OPEC Nears Accord to Lower **Output Levels**

NEW YORK - U.S. financial markets were shaken Friday by re-ports that OPEC was near agree-

ment on lowering production.

Analysts said a new agreement ould bolster oil prices and spur inflation in the industrial world. They were divided however, on what the agreement would mean for the future of the Organization

of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Mike Rothman, an oil analyst with Merrill Lynch & Co., said an OPEC accord could signal the start of a new phase in the cartel's 28year history.

If the pact is reached, he said, "OPEC will be able to focus on oil matters rather than the political complexities of the Gulf War, which plagued decision making for the past eight years."

Some analysts, however, said they doubted that a new OPEC

accord would last, citing repeated violations of past production quo-tas by some members of the cartel. Cyrus Tahmassebi, an economist with Ashland Oil Inc., said, "If they have an agreement, the market will take it as a good deal and prices will go up. But once the realities of the market hit, prices will come down again, and sharply."

The Dow Jones industrial aver-

age of the New York Stock Exhange fell 17.60 points to 2,074.68. The price of the U.S. Treasury 30year bond fell by three-quarters of a point, or the equivalent of \$7.50 for each \$1.000 in face value.

In an immediate reaction to the news from OPEC, the price of North Sea Brent crude rose a steep \$1.55 a barrel in London on Friday to \$14.60. Brent is the most widely

traded international crude. West Texas Intermediate for January delivery closed 11 cents higher at \$13.97 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. _ In Vienna, where OPEC mimstaking account of this factor, now ters have been meeting this week, that perestroika is gathering the oil minister of Saudi Arabia, Hisham Nazer, said he believed the group would sign an output agree-

ment on Saturday. Gholamreza Aqazadeh, gave the upward impetus to prices by saying that the 13 members of the cartel had agreed on a plan to peg oil

Tehran, Too,

Inches Open

PARIS - For the first time

since Ayatollah Ruhollah

Khomeini took power in Iran in 1979, a foreign minister of

France will meet with officials

in Tehran on a trip that is to

take place next year, the gov-ernment announced Friday.

Foreign Minister Roland

Dumas will travel to Tehran at

an unspecified date next year,

a Foreign Ministry spokesman

said, confirming a report car-ried Thursday by the official

A French parliamentary

delegation, accompanied by French businessmen, visited

Tehran earlier this month and

met with officials from the

Foreign Ministry and the

The West German foreign

minister, Hans-Dietrich

Genscher, is to leave Sunday

for a two-day visit to Iran, and will meet with Iranian govern-

ment and industry officials.

Diplomats in Bonn said he

had offered to serve as an in-

termediary in gaining the re-lease of Western hostages held

by pro-Iranian radicals in Bei-

Iranian press agency.

production at 18.5 million barrels a day in the first half of next year. Mr. Aqazadeh, who left Vienna on Friday for Iran to discuss the proposal with his government, said that 11 other OPEC members had

agreed to give part of their quotas

to Iraq.
He indicated that he would return for the next plenary session of the cartel, which is expected to to

be held on Saturday. In addition to the OPEC developments, other factors disturbed U.S. financial markets Friday: the widening of Britain's current account deficit and worries about the persistently weak dollar.

The package would cut OPEC output by about 20 percent to 18.5 million barrels a day for six months starting Jan. 1, while assigning Iraq

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Trade Gap In Britain At Record

By Warren Getler International Herald Tribune

LONDON — Britain reported Friday its worst monthly trade figures ever, prompting a one-point rise in interest rates to 13 percent and raising inflation fears that sent the stock market reeling to a sharp

The quadrupling of Britain's cur-rent account deficit in October to £2.43 billion (\$4.47 billion) fueled concern that further rate increases would be needed to keep consumer spending in check and quash surg-ing demand for imports.

The deficit in the current acount, which measures trade in merchandise and services as well as some transfers, had been £549 mil-lion in September, according to re-

change index plunged 38.3 points Friday to end at 1,794.7. Investors were frightened by the effect on industry of rising financing costs caused by higher rates.

The pound fell on the news of the wider deficit, but rebounded when interest rates rose.

Economists and traders had been expecting an October current account deficit of £1.2 billion, half the amount reported by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Friday's report intensified doubts about the handling of the economy by Nigel Lawson, chan-cellor of the Exchequer, who, some economists and politicians say, had maintained a lax credit policy for too long and had erred in implementing major income tax cuts during a period of robust demand.

What lies ahead, they said, is crisis management of the economy, with interest rates - already at their highest level since early 1985 - the only available instrument to combat inflation.

Paul Davis, an economist with the London brokerage Phillips & Drew, said that as a result of Britain's rapid economic growth of about 5 percent a year, "we have both higher inflation and higher trade deficits."

Since last spring, he said, "We have seen no firm evidence so far of Mr. Lawson's promise of a slowdown," despite a steadily rising interest rate level that is now the highest since March 1985.

Mr. Davis said growth of domestic demand in Britain was running at 9 percent, double the rate among Western industrial countries.

"Consumotion hasn't appeared to be that interest-rate sensitive," David Smith, economist at William de Broe Hill Chaplin & Co., was

quoted as saying by The Associated The government has ruled out See TRADE, Page 15

Shopping at the Soviet Mall, Down the Road From the Khyber Pass

By Barbara Crossette New York Times Service

BARA BAZAAR, Pakistan - Want a new Soviet refrigerator? Not pretty, but it's cheap. Or a mice new Soviet TV for one-sixth the price of a Japanese model? Or enough Russian cloth to make your next suit for \$4.95? A samovar, may-

Bara Bazaar is a shopping center that has become a kind of frontier showroom for Soviet consumer goods and an ad hoc Pakistani economic institution, spreading along an otherwise featureless stretch of road between the city of Peshawar and the Khyber Pass at the Afghan

The bazaar rises incongruously, sharing a desert terrain with Afghan refugee settlements. It grows and grows, looking more like a suburban shopping mall in somebody else's world into

which people in veils and turbans have wan-

Bara Bazaar lacks the extravagant decadence and disarray of Landikotal, a little farther along the same road, closer to the Afghan border, where rifles and drugs shared the vendors' carts with oranges and apples in the days when the hippie trail passed this way. Bara Bazzar has a more serious minded air.

How the Soviet goods get here is a story that has many versions.

A refrigerator salesman said his wares, new models with that unmistakable 1950s look, came on a train from Moscow to Kabul, then by truck to the border. There, all manner of small, animal-powered

vehicles or light pickups collected the goods and brought them to Bara Bazaar. Another trader, implying that some of his

wares might be considered "liberated," in the guerrilla parlance of the border region, said he and other traders just went over into Afghanistan to buy them from the forces battling the Sovietbacked government in Kabul.

Major Abdel Salam Jalloud, right, with Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti in Rome on Friday.

Where the guerrillas got them was their business. What happens to the usual formalities like customs and excise is not normally discussed.

Some people who shop here believe Moscow consciously deposits goods to test-market them in Pakistan, and maybe create a little good will in the process among people who can finally cease sweltering because a Soviet air-conditioner is the first to fall into their price range.

A new dress for a little girl will not break the family budget here, but whether it will change an anti-Soviet Afghanistan policy in Islamabad is

But that is only part of the story of Bara

Far outnumbering the Soviet products are imports of luxury goods from more design-con-scious places, which wend their way here through all kinds of someglers' routes.

"Made in Japan for Kabul via U.S.S.R.," one carton reads, intriguingly, in English.

In row after row of concrete shops with glass vindows, people who live in mud houses in one of the poorest parts of Pakistan are offered chiming doorbells, food processors, French glassware, Japanese thermos jugs in the shape of eagles, American soaps and shampoos (highly prized in Asia), European perfumes, cosmetics of unknown parentage, unbreakable dinner services for 12, calculators, down jackets, and imported eakable dinner services

Around the edges, food sellers and vendors too

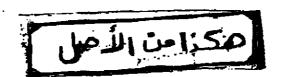
poor to take shop space ply their more modest trades, selling snacks, trinkets, and magazines. Bara Bazaar and shops in Peshawar, 15 kilometers (10 miles) or so to the east are not there to serve a local clientele.

Some of the luxury goods are carted away in trucks for sale all over the country, passing through territory where the police are known not to be averse to augmenting their small earnings by turning a blind eye to contraband cargo. Other shoppers are drawn from the large nam-

ber of foreigners who have changed the face of Peshawar in the last decade. There are at least 1,500 of them --- Americans, Europeans, Saudis, Kuwaitis, and others—connected to the relief organizations serving 3.3

million Afghan refugees in the border area.

This concentration of Afghans is the world's See BAZAAR, Page 5



U.S. Asian Allies Seek Respect

Tokyo and Seoul Want Recognition for Economic Clout

By Susan Chira New York Times Service

TOKYO - When Presidentelect George Bush looks across the Pacific to Japan and South Korea, he will find his two staunchest Asian allies with new ideas about their role in the world and new questions about their traditional

relationship with the United States. Both nations have pledged no changes in their close alliance with the United States, and both were openly relieved that Mr. Bush won the election because they see him as representing continuity in policy

and moderation on trade issues. But the new president can also expect his allies to be somewhat less pliant than in the past. While their circumstances differ,

Japan and South Korea want, fundamentally, similar things from the new administration: less pressure on trade, and a respect commensurate with their new economic sta-

Japan wants the United States to trim its budget deficit to prevent an erosion of American economic power that would provoke protec-tionism and increase calls that Japan pay more for its defense. And, Japan is pushing for a larg-

er global role now that it has become an economic superpower. In South Korea, Washington must contend with growing nationalism and a more open political system that makes it easier for Koreans to protest both American trade pressures and the overwhelm-

ing American military, diplomatic, and cultural presence in Scoul. But Mr. Bush's immediate chailenge from Japan is a call to reduce the budget deficit - and a widespread skepticism that he can do so

without resorting to tax increases.

The majority of Japanese would like to see Mr. Bush take a much more serious look at the twin deficits," said Tadashi Yamamoto, president of the Japan Center for

International Exchange.

"And I think we're bracing ourscives for what will be the inevitable consequence of neglect on that issue: more pressure about the trade deficit and defense burdensharing. That's why we are terribly concerned about Mr. Bush's deter-

mination not to raise taxes." One sign of this concern has been the steep fall in the value of the dollar against the yen in recent days, marking its lowest level in 40

While Japanese companies are more confident now that they can survive a strong yen, a weaker dollar may discourage Japanese investment in the United States, and in turn help to drive up interest

Chemical War Alert in Israel The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — About 20,000 children in 36 schools practiced chemical warfare defenses Thursday in Israel's largest exercise of

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and the influence Japan can exert on the American economy are the most dramatic signs of fundamental shifts in power between the United States and Japan, ones that will present new challenges for the new president

One sensitive issue will be American calls for Japan to spend more on defense — calls that some Japanese interpret as a troubling sign of the new limits on American re-

Japan and Korea want similar things from the new administration: less pressure on trade, and a respect commensurate with their new economic status.

Although Mr. Bush's campaign did not focus on "burden-sharing, Japanese expect such pressure from the new administration — and particularly from the Democratic Con-

Japanese officials point out that they have increased military spend-ing as a percentage of their gross national product, raised their contribution to the upkeep of the 60,000 American troops stationed in Japan, and agreed to expanded patrols of their sea lanes.

Japanese officials and intellectuals fear that excessive pressure could lead to a military buildup, which would frighten Japan's Asian neighbors and encourage rightist groups that will try to exploit Japan's growing pride and confidence by pushing for the country to become a military power

And many say that the new administration in Washington should be sensitive to the probable swell of nationalism that will follow the death of Emperor Hirohito.

"People in general will be very emotional," said Kımiko İnoguchi, an associate professor of political science at Sophia University in To-

"It would not be very wise for the United States to hint at that time that Japan could become a military power again."

These are extreme possibilities, and anti-military sentiment still runs strong here.

in general, Mr. Bush will find the Japanese more willing than before to assume the responsibilities of an economic superpower.

press Japan to increase st must also be willing to allow Japan ism."

This economic interdependence a greater say in decision-making, particularly in economic issues. Japanese are also hoping the new administration will be willing to change the way the two nations

Although the trade front is calm now, new tensions seem likely over semiconductor and supercomputer

trade, among others.
In Japan, the United States can draw on a deep reservoir of good will toward Americans.

But in South Korea, new signs of anti-Americanism, nationalism, and domestic political change are straining what is still a close alli-

Most South Koreans applaud the Washington's support of Presi-dent Roh Tae Woo's diplomatic overtures to North Korea, and few back student calls to withdraw American troops from South Ko-rea. But these days, the divisive issues seem to predominate. South Koreans expect Mr.

Bush's administration and the

Congress to use the new trade bill to force open their markets. And they predict more protests from students and farmers who be-came outraged when South Korea agreed to drop quotas on beef and cigarettes. "From the point of view of the general public and particularly of the students and farmers. there have been unilateral concessions to the United States," said Kim Chul Su, the South Korear

assistant minister for trade. The tensions over trade are just one sign of a nationalistic mood more sensitive to what Koreans see as American incursions on South

South Korea's extraordinary economic growth and its success in being host of the Olympics are prompting a re-evaluation of its standing in the world, and a grow-ing resentment of its junior status in the relationship with the United

Increasingly, South Koreans are chafing at the presence of a U.S. military base in the heart of Seoul, the American armed forces televi-sion network's ability to broadcast into most Korean homes, and the "combined command" military structure. The structure means that the head of the United States military in Korea has precedence over the head of the Korean armed forces if North Korea were to invade the South.

Although the government is heeding American calls to contribute more to the costs of keeping 42,000 American troops in South Korea, many South Koreans believe that Americans do not give them enough credit for spending 6 percent of their GNP on defense, compared to Japan's 1 percent.

Koreans want to be more respected by the United States, and we want the United States to be But many Japanese agree that if more sensitive to the feelings of the United States continues to ordinary Koreans," said Choi Yoon, a ruling party lawon defense and foreign aid so that it maker. "There is a growing sense of facts surrounding the often brutal



Protesters demanding the arrest of former President Chun Doo Hwan aimed rocks and firebombs at the police Friday during a two-hour clash in Seoul. At least three were arrested, witnesses said.

Aides to South Korean President Say He Will Propose a Pardon for Chun

SEOUL - Aides to President Roh Tae Woo said Friday that he would appear on national television Saturday to propose that his predecessor, Chun Doo Hwan, receive a presidential pardon, but public attitudes toward to the former president appeared to be hard-

The opposition leader Kim Dae Jung called Friday for a special prosecutor to investigate abuses of power by Mr. Chun, and a publicopinion survey showed that most Koreans believed that Mr. Chun should be forced to testify in the National Assembly about corruption and abuses of power he admitted to Wednesday

Two days after Mr. Chun apologized for his authoritarian rule and went into self-imposed internal exile, Mr. Kim said that a special

Mr. Roh, in addition to pardoning the former president, was prepared to accelerate the pace of democratic changes, release more political prisoners and compensate victims who were dismissed from their jobs for their political views after Mr. Chun came to power,

Meanwhile, students demanding Mr. Chun's arrest clashed Friday with the police in Scoul.

They hurled rocks and firebombs at the police in a two-hour demonstration at Tongkook University. At least three students were arrested, witnesses said. There were injuries on both sides. The number of niured could not be determined.

Dissidents called for a mass anti-Chun rally Saturday in Seoul.

Opposition leaders have not deis a member of the same party to have tacitly agreed to a govern-

but Mr. Chun's apology apparently did not satisfy them.

In a poll released Friday by the state-run Korea Broadcasting Sys-tem, nearly 74 percent of those who responded said they believed that Mr. Chun should be forced to testify before the National Assembly.

Fifty-one percent said they did not believe Mr. Chun's statement that he never diverted money abroad and 45.7 percent said they did not believe that he revealed all his wealth in his speech Wednes-day. Mr. Chun said that he was giving all of his personal wealth, which he put at \$3.3 million, and \$20 million in surplus political funds to the state.

Nearly 39 percent said that Mr. Chun should be prosecuted and then receive amnesty, 30.4 percent said he should be investigated and can spend less, the United States national confidence and national- way Mr. Chun had dealt with his which Mr. Roh belongs. Thus they charged if evidence of his guilt was

Israeli Army

Jails Troops

Over Attack

JERUSALEM - Twenty-one

Israeli paratroopers were jailed on

Friday for rampaging through a

West Bank refugee camp to avenge an attack by Palestinians in which a

An army spokesman said that 18 soldiers had received two-week

sentences and that three others in-

directly involved in the incident

earlier this week had been sen-

The platoon commander had al-

ready been given a two-week sen-

tence and transferred to another

post. The company commander was reprimanded, the spokesman

The soldiers admitted in military court on Thursday that they had

broken windows and damaged ve-

hicles and other property in the Kalandia camp near Jerusalem af-

ter Palestinian residents stoned

"They were provoked but they took the law into their own hands,"

the army spokesman said. "The

army views this very seriously be-cause it is a breach in discipline."

Referring to the Israel Defense Forces, he said, "The role of the IDF is to maintain order and oper-

ate within the law, and the army

will not agree to any soldier or

anyone else taking the law into

In another development Friday,

Israel restored the accreditation of

two Reuters correspondents whose

press cards were suspended last

month over an article about under-

cover army units in the occupied

The director of the government

press office, Yoram Ettinger, re-turned the cards to Paul Taylor and

West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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tenced to seven days in jail.

soldier was injured.

WORLD BRIEFS

Israel Raids Bases in South Lebanon

SIDON, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli planes Friday attacked two bases operated by Palestinian guerrillas and Lebanese militiamen near this southern port city, and police said five persons were killed and 15.

The Israeli Army confirmed the raid, saying its planes destroyed a large

mmunition depot before returning safely to base.

Sidon police said that at least four jet fighters took turns rocketing the bases on the ciry's northeastern edge in two attacks five minutes apart. He said the installations belonged to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, headed by Georges Habash, and the Popular Nasserite Organization, a predominantly Sunni Moslem Lebanese militia.

U.K. Welcomes Soviet Rights Parley

LONDON (AP) — The foreign secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, said Friday that the Soviet Union's proposal to hold a human rights conference in Moscow could now be taken seriously, provided the gathering is not "a propaganda exercise." Speaking in Parliament, he recalled that when the Soviets first pro-

posed that the conference "be held in Moscow of all places, the reaction of Western delegations was one of sheer disbelief." But he said "the Soviet human rights record has improved," and added, "It is now possible to begin to take the Soviet proposal seriously." He: warned, however, that "we are not prepared to take part in a propaganda

Indian Arms Deal Sparks New Furor:

NEW DELHI (UPI) — New allegations that Bofors Co. of Sweden: paid bribes to win a \$1.3 billion arms contract with India created a furor; in the Indian Parliament on Friday.

in the Indian Parliament on Friday.

Angry legislators said documents published in The Hindu newspaper proved that Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Defense Minister K.C. Pant. and other senior officials had misinformed the public about the deal.

Opposition politicians called for the creation of a parliamentary committee to launch another inquiry into the affair. Mr. Gandhi has maintained that no bribes were paid and that the matter has been fully explored by previous parlimentary committees.

U.S. Envoy Sees Bhutto in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (Reuters) — The U.S. ambassador, Robert B. Oakley, met Friday with the Pakistani opposition leader, Benazir Bhutto, bolstering impressions that she will be the next prime minister.

Mr. Oakley was the second ambassador to call on Miss Bhutto. Tian

Ding of China met her Thursday. On Friday, Mr. Oakley spent more than an hour at the Islamabad house where Miss Bhutto is staying. Political analysts said Miss Bhutto's nomination as prime minister looked more likely after Mr. Oakley's visit. "It seems that the green light has been given," a leading commentator remarked outside the house. Miss Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party won 45 percent of the seats in the

Indonesians to Build Mekong Bridge

VIENTIANE, Laos (AFP) — The prime ministers of Laos and Thailand signed a communiqué Friday in Vientiane agreeing to build a bridge over the Mekong River, which marks the border between the two countries, a government spokesman said.

The bridge would be at a ferry site 30 kilometers (18 miles) east of . Vientiane, sources said. The Communist government in Vientiane also: pledged to increase the voluntary repatriation of about 80,000 Laotian refugees in Thailand, said the spokesman, Sone Khamvanevongsa.

Prime Minister Kaysone Phomvihane and the Thai prime minister.

Chatichai Choonhavan, signed a communiqué Friday covering the bridge, economic cooperation, and bilateral disputes. The visit is the first by a Thai head of government since 1975, when Communist forces came

For the Record

The Palestine Liberation Organization applied to the U.S. consulate in Tunis on Friday for a visa that would allow its chairman, Yasser Arafat, to enter the United States to address the UN General Assembly. (AP) Irish gunnen spparestly after a Sinn Fein councilman shot and killed his brother instead, the police in Northern Ireland said. Phelim McNally, 28, was slain Thursday night in the home of his brother, local Sein Fein councilman Francis McNally. Sinn Fein is the legal political wing of the Irish Republican Army.

TRAVEL UPDATE

KLM Joins Rival Computer Network:

AMSTERDAM (Reuters) — KLM, the Royal Dutch Airlines and a founder of Europe's Galileo computerized booking system, said Friday.it, planned to exchange flight information with the rival Amadeus network, a possible step toward merger with them.

The Dutch flag carrier said this could lead to a single European-booking system. Both the Galileo and Amadeus systems allow travel. agents to see on screens at a key stroke which flights are available to any destination and enable them to book a see immediately.

destination and enable them to book a seat immediately.

Earlier attempts to form a joint venture between the two systems have roken down. KLM joined the Galileo Distribution Systems network initiated by Swissair in 1987. It also links British Airways, Belgium's, Sabena and Alitalia in Europe.

The flying elephant logo of Nigeria Airways is to be replaced next month by a soaring eagle superimposed on the letter N. (Reuters).

Sandi Arabia will open a direct dial telephone service to Czechoslovakia;

Bulgaria and Hungary beginning Monday. (Reuters).

First-class passengers on some Quantas flights will be able to watch movies on mini-screens attached to their seats, a spokesman for the Australian airline said Friday. He said seven-centimeter (nearly threeinch) wide videos had been fitted to 26 first class seats on one of the airline's long-haul Boeing 747s on the London and Tokyo routes. (AFP)

Dense freezing fog in Britain on Friday resulted in the deaths of two

persons, injuries to 40, the burning of eight vehicles and the blocking of several highways, the police said. The Automobile Association said motorists who ignored warnings to slow down caused many of the accidents.

LIBYA: Gadhafi Courts Europe

public comment in Italy.

Arturo Oliveri, a spokesman for Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita, who invited Mr. Jalloud, said the

visit entailed "a renewing of a dialogue with the Libyans." Another government official said, "By having this high-level

meeting, we want to underline that Gadhafi has shown some signs of reasonableness lately."

Asked about the U.S. government's drive to isolate Colonel Gadhafi, the official responded, Cutting of relations altogether has seldom paid off."

Colonel Gadhafi is reportedly eager to shake off his image as a financial supporter of terrorism. His decision to send Mr. Jailoud to Rome follows recent steps aimed at decreasing Libya's isolation after the United States bombed Lib-

ya in April 1986. The Libyan leader began by improving relations with his North African neighbors, restoring diplomatic links with Chad after their long war and strengthening economic and political ties with Alge-ria and Tunisia. Tensions also have

eased somewhat between Libya and its eastern neighbor, Egypt.
With Libyan borders reasonably secure, Colonel Gadhafi looked toward Europe. Italy, the former

and Libya has thawed since the

colonial ruler, was the logical place The relationship between Italy Libya Bars Egyptian Ties

the visit, which has received little sa, stirring a restrained but angry response from Italy and prompting the departure of thousands of Italians from Libva.

Since then, diplomatic problems, have surfaced periodically. A yearago, Colonel Gadhafi claimed that the Italian Tremiti island group rightfully belonged to his country and recently compared Italian co-

lonialist rulers to "pigs."

Mr. Jalloud originally was scheduled to visit Italy on Oct. 26, but Colonel Gadhafi abruptly announced a national day of mourning for the victims of Italian colonialism for the same date and shur

Yet, Mr. Jalloud's mission on the first high-level Libyan visit to Rome in three and a half years is considered a positive sign. He knows many Italian leaders, and while outwardly devoted to Colonel Gadhafi's revolution, he is gen-

erally considered pragmatic. Mr. Jalloud, accompanied by the Libyan ministers of finance and foreign affairs, met Thursday with Mr. De Mita, Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti and Trade Minister Renato Ruggiero.

The Italian Foreign Ministry Friday seported that Mr. Jalloud said Libya will attend an international conference in Paris in Janua ary to reinforce a treaty banning the use of chemical weapons, Reuters reported from Rome.

Libya on Friday ruled out restor. aftermath of the U.S. attack, when ing diplomatic relations with Egypt Libya fired two missiles across the as long as Egypt has use with Mediterranean that fell just short Israel, Reuters reported.

Thais Find Bodies and Put Toll at 220

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
BANGKOK — The death toll PRST BAPTST CHURCH, English specking, Sun. 9:00, Boggesenspete 7, (But 3,5,7,16). Dr. R.J. Robinson, Min. Tel.: (01) 373924. from flooding in Thailand grew Friday to more than 220 as rescue workers pulled more bodies from International Baptist Church. English S.S. 10:00, worship 11:05. Children's church an ursery. Meets at the international School buschtenburger Kinchweg 2, D.Koisenwerth Friendly fellowship. All denominations we mountain villages buried under

logs and mud, officials said. Hundreds of people are missing and believed drowned or buried beneath mud slides that struck several villages in Thailand's southern province of Nakhon Sri Tham-

GENEYA INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF GENEVA, English speaking Sunday service 12:00 noon at Chapelle das Buis, 3 nue Amart. Rev. Greg Fitch, P.O. Box 2447, CH-1211 Geneva 2, (022) 32 08 67 Officials said the tragedy was worsened because of widespread illegal logging that stripped the hills above stricken villages, causing greater run-off from torrential

ve's International Pentecastal church, 20 Ave. Emest-Pictet. Enjoy a warm atmosphere of joyful, spiritfilled warship in English. 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tel.: 447070 or 988580. The flooding was the worst natural calamity in Thailand in at least 50 years, officials said. It damaged HAMBURG INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF a far greater area than a tidal wave did when it killed hundreds of people in a coastal village of Nakorn Srithammarat in 1962.

The Interior Ministry said at least 70,000 people in 12 southern provinces were left homeless, while extensive damage was reported to roads, bridges, rail lines and agri-

cultural land. Torrential rains in southeast Welcome to English specking INTERNA-TIONAL CHURCH OF EVANGELICALS in Louvein (ICEL). Workship Service: Every Sun-day 10.30 c.m. 40, Nacmise Strant, Leuven. Asia from Saturday to Wednesday also were blamed for the deaths of dozens of people in Malaysia and Indonesia. Flood waters washed out roads, cut off rail service and destroyed crops, the authorities

> In Malaysia, officials said the death toll rose to 27 Friday, with about 47,000 people remaining in evacuation centers as six days of rain ceased and floodwaters began to recede. Fourteen of the deaths occurred in the worst hit state,

> northeastern Keiantan. A spokesman of the Meteorological Department in Kuala Lumpur, the Malaysian capital, said the storms, part of the annual Asian winter monsoon season that lasts from November to March, were among the worst this decade.

Thousands of foreign tourists were stranded in airports and ho-tels on both of Thailand's coasts, but the only foreigners reported killed were two Malaysians who were swept away by a flash flood near the Thai-Malaysian border.

The English-language newspaper The Nation reported that three days of flash floods in the tourist city of Hat Yai left many businesses closed and hundreds of Malaysian and other tourists stranded in

Colonel Banchon Chavansil. pokesman for Thailand's southern-based 4th Army, said waves of mud and logs, loosened by the rain, rushed down mountainsides in at

least two places in Nakorn Srith-ammarat Province, about 360 miles (580 kilometers) south of Bangkok. Colonel Banchon said 133 bodies have been recovered in the province, most of them from mountain villages in the Phibul and Lansaka

Rescuers said about 400 more people were believed missing. Colonel Banchon said more than 1,000 soldiers were assisting civilian authorities in rescue opera-

Parliament from Nakom Srithammarat who visited the mudslide arens, said illegal loggers had cut down huge stands of forest that might have slowed rain run-off and left the logs on the hills to dry.
"The picture of thousands of ille-

gal logs that came with flash floods smashing through villages, houses and bridges shows that what was behind this great damage is the south," Mr. Surin said.

Thailand included 680,000 (242,000 hectares) acres of orchards and rice fields destroyed, 1,007 shrimp farms wiped out, 2,200 houses swept away, and at least 288 bridges seriously dam-

Deputy Interior Minister Trairsome of the worst-hit provinces,

ong Suwankhiri, who inspected extensive illegal logging in the said damage would exceed \$400

Chinese Plan to Sterilize Retarded

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BELING - A Chinese province has barred mentally retarded people from having children and ordered the sterilization of retarded people who are married, and an official at the Ministry of Public Health said Friday that it

was drafting a law that would extend the ban nationwide The law, approved Wednesday by the People's Congress of the western province of Gansu, is the first legislation of its kind to be passed in China, according to the Communist Party paper, the

People's Daily. It said the law would play "an important role in reducing the number of retarded and in increasing the quality of the population

The law forbids retarded citizens to get married without first undergoing sterilization and requires those who are married to have such an operation. It also requires that abortions be performed on severely retarded women who are pregnant, said Xiao Shuzi, legal director

for the standing committee of the

congress. The abortion require-

ment would affect "fewer than

the New York-based Americas

Watch said that from Jan. 1 to

100" women, he said.

"Anyone responsible for allowing mentally retarded people to give birth will be fined and subject to administrative discipline," the People's Daily said. The mentally retarded lack pro-ductive capability and live on relief funds and grain. They are a great burden to society."

An official in the Ministry of

Public Health's Department for Women and Children said draft work has been in progress for several years on a nationwide ban. No date has been set for submission to the National People's Congress, which must approve all national legislation. The official, who refused to give her name, said the proposed national law would affect people who are mentally retarded because of hereditary factors, and

not those impaired by accidents. China has no figures on the percentage of retarded people nationwide, but a recent survey of children under 14 indicated 1.07 percent were retarded. The People's Daily said more

than 270,000 people, or about 1.3

percent of Gansu's population,

A report on Gansu radio in

July, when the sterilization law

are mentally retarded.

was proposed, said there was heated argument over the legislation. Some congress delegates suggested the government ex-periment with such restrictions on a limited basis. The People's Daily, which did not mention any dispute, said the law would "raise the quality of the population" in Gansu and

help the arid mountain region shed its traditional poverty. Although China has used mass sterilizations and a one-childper-family policy to keep its pop-ulation down, the Gansu law is the first measure designed to alter the nature of the population through control of hereditary factors in reproduction.

Mr. Xiao said the law would apply only to those considered "severely retarded" - about 10 percent of the 270,000 Gansu people diagnosed as suffering from some level of mental illness. In 1979, a "one-couple, onechild" policy was introduced as a way of keeping China's popula-tion from rising above 1.2 billion

through the year 2000. Experts said that at its current rate, China's population will exceed the government's target by more than 80 million. (AP, UPI)

They had been accused of violating Israeli military censorship laws with the article, which said that an undercover squad had been involved in the killing of wanted leaders of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

For instance, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights reported at the end of 1987 that a minimum of 172 people in Guate-mala had been killed or had disappeared at the hands of government However, Americas Watch said agents between January 1986 and Sept. 30, at least 621 people had that the current "available statistics

Rights Group Says Guatemala Abuses Rise died in politically related assassina- indicated a significant increase in MIAMI — Guatemalan governtions in Guatemala, most of them disappearances and killings attrib-at the hands of government mili-utable to government forces in

ment forces have been responsible at the hands of government unlifor a serious increase in human rights abuses, including "hundreds tary and security forces. of political killings, disappearances and attempted assassinations" since the start of 1988, according to a leading rights organization. In a report to be released Friday,

The figures indicate a rate of killing considerably lower than that attributed to the government during the 20-year period ending in 1986. An estimated 100,000 Gnatemalans were killed and 38,000 "disappeared" during the period.

1987-1988 compared with the two previous years."

At least 325 Arabs and 11 Jews have died in the 11-month uprising. The authorities have also returned the press card of a correspondent of the Financial Times; Andrew Whitley, who had reported earlier for the London daily on the activities of the special units.

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man terms.

Los Angeles Drug Gangs Run National Network

By William Robbins

OMAHA, Nebraska — Two California gangs, fanning out along the interstate high-way system, are spreading a sophisticated pattern of violence and drug-dealing across the United States.

Federal and local low-enforcement officials say the gangs have reached as far east as the Bahimore-Washington area, staking out claims along the way in midsize cities such as

The gangs, the Bloods and the Crips, have abandoned some of the flamboyant hallmarks of their West Coast dealings; they no longer come to town wearing their "colors," a blue bandanna, perhaps, for a Crip or something red for a Blood

Instead, law-enforcement officials say, their tactics mimic entrepreneurial enter-prises: They quietly establish a distribution network in markets deemed favorable for the sale of the glut of cocaine and the derivative known as crack that has depressed prices and profits in their own area.

"If you look at a map, you can see the pattern across Middle America," said Michael Shanahan, supervisor of the organized crime unit of the FBI's Kansas City office. Just look at the major cities linked together by the interstates and chances are they are there. As they moved out from the home base, each one became a last outpost."

"It's wild," said Sergeant Robert Jackson of the Los Angeles Police Department. "I would say there are only a few states they haven't reached yet. And the number of places could be in the hundreds."

DALLAS - Researchers here announced Fri-

day they had developed a drug capable in laborato-

ry experiments of killing cells infected by the AIDS virus while leaving healthy cells unaffected.

. The drug used in the experiments at the Univer-sity of Texas Southwest Medical Center combined

a synthetic protein — recombinant CD4 — with a

plant toxin known as ricin. The protein delivered

virus, researchers reported, the CD4-ricin combi-

nation binds to the cell surfaces and the ricin then

kills the cell, thus eliminating a source of the virus.

laboratory development, like other incremental

advances in AIDS research, was far from being

ready for clinical application and, at best, migh

A report on the study was published Friday in

Dr. Jonathan W. Uhr, chairman of the depart-

ment of microbiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, one of the

project's principal investigators, predicted that it

would be a year before the drug, still in the test-

Laboratory animals cannot be used for AIDS

ing in Sudan, the United States and said that a grain pricing agree-

should be speaking out against the ment that was up for review be-

atrocities rather than preserving its tween the two countries could also

The State Department contends World Bank and International

that it is doing the best it can in Monetary Fund, on which Sudan

and the complexities of a civil war we have much leverage, we do have pitting the governing Moslems in a megaphone," said David Lonie, a the north against the Christian and staff member on the House Human

as a weapon against millions of and nongovernmental relief agency civilians, but opinions differ on heads, the four who went to Sudan

For Refugees, said he had urged civil war has been going on with a the State Department to take a rebel group, the Sudan People's

stronger stand with the Khartoum Liberation Army, since 1983. The

He said that "a high profile U.S. opment in the south, political au-

ment issued a statement saying that
"a major human catastrophe" was
unfolding in Sudan. "The world is
from their homes. About 350,000

witnessing famine that is the result have trekked across the border to

not of nature but of endemic civil Ethiopia, while the rest have gone

jective was to get a huge relief ef-fort under way. But it added, reach camps around Khartoum, the

political situation and a govern-ment that has serious problems co-based Christian relief agency that

ordinating its activities and exert- operated in Sudan for 16 years un-

ink authority beyond Khartoum." til its expulsion in February, esti-

The congressional staff mem-bers who were in Sudan said that ished this year from hunger and

the U.S. government could take ac- war in Africa's largest country.

ties to the Sudanese government, be used to exert pressure.

dealing with an ineffectual and relies for substantial loans.

according to congressional and re-lief officials.

stubborn government in Khartoum

Both the State Department and

relief officials agree that the gov-

erament and the rebels are using available supplies of donated food

privately financed U.S. Committee

animist minority in the south.

how best to handle the crisis.

leadership role" was essential.

war," the statement said.

In response, the State Depart-

The department said its main ob-

We're dealing with a very complex capital.

Science, the journal of the American Association

offer a new treatment rather than a cure,

tube stage, could be tested on humans.

for the Advancement of Science.

However, the researchers cautioned that the new

When exposed to cells infected with the AIDS

the toxin to infected cells, the center said.

At the Washington headquarters of the FBI, David G. Binney, chief of the drug section of the criminal investigations division, described the gangs' methodical opera-

They do a survey of a city to find out who is doing what there and what the market is,"

tification, and they don't hang around on street corners. They are here to develop a distribution system. They make their contacts, deliver and leave.

There are always variations, of course,

They do a survey of a city to find out who is doing what there and what the market is. We can use a term like that because they have become very sophisticated businessmen. David G. Binney, chief of the FBI's drug section

Mr. Binney said. "We can use a term like that others noted, citing the arrest near Springause they have become very sophisticated

Police say the Californians began reaching out beyond Los Angeles about two years ago, first moving up the coast to Sacramento, Portland, Seattle and Anchorage.

They moved in, heavily armed, using strong-arm tactics, intimidated any potential opposition and easily undersold their com-

Law-enforcement officials have noticed changes in the style of the gangs' operations over the past few months.

Mr. Shanahan, the Kansas City FBI offi-cial, said that the Crips and Bloods used to make their presence known when they moved into a new city, appearing on the street flaunting expensive jewelry and clothing and renting luxury cars and frequently taking up residence.

currently available.

the infected cells."

latently infected cells.

Speak Out Over Sudan, Talks at UN

Relief Aides Urge U.S. Over Cyprus

WASHINGTON — With thounds of children and others starved in Sudan, the United States tion. They noted that Washington are shared \$70 million a year in direct food and other humanitarian aid.

has a controlling interest in the

"And while some may not think

Rights and International Organiza-

tions subcommittee. "We cannot

morally condone this horror by our

At a briefing for staff members

described what they said was a

rebels are seeking economic devel-

tonomy from the north, and the

nsion of Islamic law.

north in search of food, sometim

walking for three months sustained

Roger Winter, director of the Sudanese government effort to ers were supposed to report to the rivately financed U.S. Committee "depopulate" the south, where a secretary-general on the progress of

I think," Dr. Wong-Staal said.

drug testing because they do not develop the dis-

tube are a promising first step but we have a long way to go before a clinical trial," Dr. Uhr said.

added. "There is just a great deal we don't know."

For example, the drug might not work on cells where the AIDS infection is not fully developed, he

But Dr. Uhr said he believed the new drug

would have fewer toxic side-effects than drugs

"The other drugs being used to treat AIDS are all powerful pharmacological agents with high de-grees of toxicity," he said.

"They enter the cell and prevent the virus from replicating. This works like a missile aimed only at

Dr. Flossie Wong-Staal, a National Institutes of

Health AIDS researcher, said the finding was "important." But he added, "we could never eliminate

the virus infection by this means" because of the

"It is still very early to say if this would be an

New York Times Service

York - A UN peace initiative

aimed at ending the division of Cy-

prus into Greek and Turkish com-

munities by June is close to break-

down after new talks here this

week, diplomats and other officials

President George Vassiliou, head

of the internationally recognized

Republic of Cyprus, and Rauf Denktash, who leads the break-

away Turkish Republic of Cyprus,

which only Turkey recognizes, re-mained at loggerheads after two days of talks mediated by Secre-

tary-General Javier Pérez de Cuél-

Originally the two Cypriot lead-

talks they have been holding at his

Mr. Vassiliou's Greek-speaking

government is committed to reuni-

fying the island on the basis of

giving all Cypriots the right to live

anywhere on the island, acquire

property there and move about freely.

ended Wednesday, Mr. Denktash proposed that the introduction of

ed for 18 years and that even then

the right of citizens to move into a

different ethnic area and acquire

property there should be regulated.

posal out of hand, refusing even to

in Cyprus next month.

Mr. Vassiliou rejected the pro-

At this week's UN talks, which

se freedoms should be suspend

what he calls "the three freedoms,"

lar, these officials said.

instigation in Nicosia.

UNITED NATIONS, New

important therapy, but it should be tried clinically,

The experiments we are performing in a test

"We don't want to raise any false hopes," he

AIDS Drug: A 'Promising' Step

field, Missouri, last week of two men carrying nearly 1,100 pounds (495 kilograms) of cocaine, the largest sezure ever in the state. Although they drove a vehicle registered in Illinois, they had Los Angeles identifica-

Law-enforcement officials can offer no precise numbers on how many California gang members are active outside their home

In Los Angeles County, there are about 70,000 gang members, predominantly blacks but including some Hispanic gangs, accord-ing to Lieutenant Arthur Herrera of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office.

Across the United States, estimates reflecting their numbers vary widely, from places like Denver, where the police say gang members now total about 700, to St. Louis. where Debra Herzog, who heads the region's

"Since July, they have gone under-ground," he said. "Often, they carry no iden-federal agents and local police, says a handful of gang members "are just now establish-

In Omaha, the police estimate the number of Los Angeles gang members in the city at

And although they note that drug sales and violence did not originate with the Bloods and Crips, others observe that levels of violence, the number of arms seized in arrests and the use of crack have all escalated with their arrival in Omaha and with the sharp drop in drug prices that followed. Robert Armstrong, director of the Omaha Housing Authority, put the problem in hu-

"All I know is that this year is worse than the year before," he said. "These people have no fear. Whether they are Crips or Crip imitators, they sell their drugs any time they feel like selling. And they intimidate the people, make them afraid to call the police, by letting them know they have guns."

If terror is an intent, it has been clearly achieved in at least one of the housing projects under Mr. Armstrong's direction, a place nicknamed "Vietnam" because gunfire erupts so frequently on its grounds, where one spot is called "Crack Corner."

"At first, the police said we exaggerated," said one young mother after recalling a recent incident when her five-year-old son had crouched in terror under the cross fire of

"They said it wasn't as bad here as in Los Angeles," she said. "Well, it gets as bad here in this Vietnam project as it does anywhere."

In the Gulf, the navy operated what amounted to the sixth largest

navy in the world, while at the same

time meeting its other commit-ments around the world, according

to an admiral at navy headquarters.

with two less carriers," he said,

anxious to point out that the navy

by the Gulf operations.

formance in the Gulf.

was stretched to it peacetime limits

The navy continues to maintain

Despite serious and tragic set-

backs, some officers said they were

pleased with the navy's overall per-

Although it was a four-service

effort, navy officers assert that it

was essentially a naval mission, be-

cause it was conducted and sup-

26 warships on patrol in the Gulf.

But, "we couldn't have done it

In Gulf War, a Model For U.S. Intervention

By Bernard E. Trainor

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - The difficulties encountered by the Reagan administration in negotiating base rights this year with the Philip-pines, Spain and Greece are, in the view of senior Pentagon officials, a presage that fewer overseas bases will be available around the world

Recent Department of Defense studies back up this conclusion. Military officers said that without foreign bases and the right to fly over foreign airspace, the ability to respond to overseas crises with air force and army units becomes

This, they said, increases the importance of naval forces, because they can operate for long periods independent of land bases.

The navy sees the Gulf conflict that sputtered to a conclusion earlier this year as the prime example of future U.S. military employment, and it is seeking to persuade policymakers that in spite of some notorious mistakes in the Gulf, the navy is the most appropriate service to take on such assignments and to get

the financing to accomplish them.
It is also looking at its Gulf experience as a possible model for fu-ture quasi-military missions.

interpose U.S. warships in a war of ships, rockets and planes, keeping the sea lanes open while press Iran to accept a cease-fire in its eight-year war with Iraq. Vice Admiral Henry Mustin said

the navy's operations in the Gulf were initially complicated by a lack of land bases for resupply and In most areas like the Mediterra-

nean and the Western Pacific, where large U.S. fleets operate, the ships depend upon land bases for logistical support. In the Gulf, however, even those nations welcoming a U.S. naval

presence did not want Americans on their soil because of domestic political considerations. As a result, the navy resorted to a sea-based logistical support system

of the type used to service the Pacific fleets in World War II. Resupply and maintenance ships were sent to the Gulf, and repairs

and replenishment were accomplished while the ships were at sea. The maintenance problem for naval units in the northern Gulf, where the restricted sailing area limited at-sea support, was solved by establishing maintenance shops

on barges. These were moved daily to avoid coming targets for Iranian small

Navy officers cite these barge shops as an example of the innovative way they solved the problems in the Gulf.

discuss it at the meeting, officials said. But the two Cypriot leaders These officers also project the Gulf operation as a preview of fleet have agreed to continue their talks operations in areas where the United States lacks bases.

Without Nearby Bases

for U.S. use.

ported almost entirely at sea. The setbacks included the nearsinking of two frigates with a loss of 37 lives and the shooting down of an Iranian airliner, in wh 290 people aboard were killed, by the cruiser Vincennes in July. Nevertheless, top navy civilians and officers say the Gulf mission

The deputy undersecretary of the

navy, Seth Cropsy, remarked: "The public doesn't fully understand it because they have become so coned to American fai can't believe we won." The mission in the Gulf was to Old hands at the Pentagon see

tative in the Bush administration. the navy's using the Gulf operation to bolster its case with the Bush administration for a major share of the shrinking military budget. Not all senior navy officials see

such operations in a rosy light.

Many expressed doubts that the public is any more willing to get involved militarily in the Third World than before U.S. interven-

tion in the Gulf. Others said that the navy was not well prepared for the Gulf operations and that the need to call upon the army for helicopters to operate off navy ships illustrated the point. The 600-ship navy was designed to fight the Soviets on the gh seas," said a specialist on na-

val warfare. "When they found themselves in confined and shallow waters seeded with mines and surrounded by civilian shipping and aircraft, they

were caught short." Nevertheless, now that the crisis has passed, some within the navy itself said that the service will again turn its back on the unglamorous business of warfare in closely confined waters, dominated by mines and small patrol boats.

Still, even these officers assert that the navy is the service best prepared to respond to crises in the Third World.

"We can get there and stay there," said an admiral, who contended that the navy and Marines provided 90 percent of the U.S. forces in the Gulf.

In keeping with the tradition of inter-service rivalry, some Pentagon officers said it was meaningless

to talk of percentages.

Moreover, they pointed out that
at the command level all services were involved in the Gulf.

Town Rings Up Vote to Return Bell to Sea

By John M. Baer Bashington Post Service

CAMPBELLTOWN, Pennsylcanin - It was not exactly a ringing endorsement. In fact, the vote was so close that the ballots were counted three times. When it was over, this rural vil-

lage in central Pennsylvania had rung one up for international friendship in one of the strangest referendums of the 1988 elections. Villagers voted, 346 to 341, to send back to Britain their commu-

nity's pride and joy, a solid brass delivered the bell to the people of ship's bell that weighs 50 pounds Campbelltown. James Robertson. (22 kilograms) and measures 3.5 (leet (a meter) tall.

The decision did not come easily. but the story of the bell itself is a bit

The bell came from the Campbeltown, a British warship that Maine in 1919 and given to Britain helped win World War II even as it in 1940 as part of the lend-lease sank in March 1942 on a commando raid in France.

sives when it sailed into the Loire River at Saint Nazaire, then the largest dry dock in the world. Its mission, "Operation Chariot," was to blow up the only place big enough to dock the much-feared

The bell was recovered after the successful mission, or pulled off the ship just before the raid. No one

here professes to know. In 1950, the British Admiralty the British consul-general at Phila-

bell was "the very soul" of the ship. The gift was made because the Campbeltown originally was the U.S. warship Buchanan, built in program. It was renamed after Campbelltown, Pennsylvania, and

The ship was loaded with explo- Campbeltown, Scotland, as a gesture of thanks and good will.

The bell was displayed proudly in Campbelltown for nearly four decades in a glass and brick monument outside the volunteer fire company. It was returned to Brit-

Tupitz, a giant German warship, ain once, six years ago for the 40th anniversary of the ship's mission. Last spring, the British Navy wrote to say that it was building a new Campbeltown and would like the original bell back.

Villagers contended that, since the bell was given to them, only they could decide what to do with it. The issue was turned over to a delphia, said at the time that the committee made up of representatives of the fire company, the ladies' auxiliary, the legion, the Lions Club and citizens.

One committee member was Lloyd Simmers, 75, who received the bell 38 years ago when he headed the American Legion post. He town, the bell tolls for no one.

and others expressed surprise that the vote was so close. Cindy Skinner, the committee

chairwoman and a secretary at C&M Heating and Air Conditioning on West Main Street, said, "We really thought it would be one-sid-

"We sat at the polling place for 13 hours," she said. "We counted the vote three times to be sure." Plans are under way to return the bell for recommissioning ceremo-nies in May, perhaps with a Campbelitown escort.

At the least, residents said, they hoped to receive a plaque in return for the bell and a pledge that, when the new ship is decommissioned in 20 or 30 years, the bell will be returned to Campbelitown.

For now, the soul of the ship is under lock and key at the fire hall. The monument out front stands empty. And, at least in Campbell-



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AMERICAN TOPICS

Smokeless Cigarette Le Off to a Poor Start

The new "smokeless" cigarette developed by R.J. Reynolds To-bacco Co., The New York Times reports, is proving highly unpop-ular with consumers in its first three test markets: Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona, and St. Louis,

Reynolds, which spent about \$300 million to develop and market the Premier cigarette, declines to divulge sales figures. A spokeswoman said it was too early to tell whether the cigarette would succeed or fail. She said customers are urged "to try it for either a week or a carton, which-ever comes first," and after that long a tryout, resistance "seems

Store owners say sales have been slow to nonexistent. The verdict of consumers is overwhelmingly unfavorable.

"It tastes like burning plastic," said Jan Turlock of Tucson. "We have three smokers in my house. We all tried them and ended up throwing them in the sink. We said, 'You've got to be kid-

The smokeless cigarette is the size and shape of a conventional one. At the lighted end, a piece of charcoal-like carbon is all that burns. The smoker, by inhaling, draws hot air from the burning carbon over rolled tobacco and a capsule embedded in the tobacco which contains nicotine and fla-

The cigarette has found one market niche: among teen-agers sneaking smokes in school, because it makes so little smoke one adolescent said.

Short Takes

Prison furloughs are routine in most states, including those that voted for the man who made such programs a heated issue President-elect George Bush The Associated Press reports.
While officials concede that such brief, temporary releases can be abused by inmates, many insist that it is an effective way to relieve prison overcrowding and promote rehabilitation. "The inmates really protect the pro-gram," said Ed Ligtenberg, an associate warden in South Dakota. "It's good for the inmates because it gradually reintegrates them to the outside." But he added that it is not a right: "They



Youker arriving at Stapleton International Airport in Denver, en route to a ski vacation. He dressed in the Santa suit to greet members of his family who came to the airport to pick him up.

Loving County, Texas, is the richest in the United States with a per capita income of \$34,173 in 1985, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The population consists mainly of cattle. With ranches averaging more than 23,000 acres (about 9,000 hectares) each, it has only 100 inhabitants. The five next richest counties are all in the Washingon area, followed by Marin in

California, near San Francisco, and Bristol Bay in Alaska, with a population of about 1,000. Rounding out the top 10 are Fairfield in Connecticut and Westchester in New York. Both are suburban areas of New York

All high school valedictorians in Nevada are eligible for full four-year scholarships to the state university, including tuition, books, room and board, thanks to Margaret Elardi, owner of the Silver Slipper casino in Las Vegas. She said too many bright students were leaving the state to go to college.

howing a skinny Thanksgiving pilgrim being squeezed in a serried rank of rotund Santa Clauses, a Seattle-based retail chain has announced that "at Nordstrom, we still believe in celebrating one holiday at a time. That's why you won't see any Christmas trim in our stores until after Thanksgiving."

A new disposable \$2 fountain pen writes for 3,000 feet (about 915 meters) before the ink runs dry. How many signatures, The New York Times wondered, could be written with 3,000 feet of ink? The answer, wrote Richard G. Hawn, an Erie, Pennsylvania, engineer, is 4,478, at least if your name is Richard G. Hawn. This works out to about one cent for 22 signatures.

Arthur Higbee

Abrams Asks About Winning Trade Post

has joined the line of those seeking to become the U.S. trade represen-

Mr. Abrams, who as the architect of policies to support the Nicaicism. has been sounding out Senate staff members on whether he could be confirmed as the trade

representative. President-elect George Bush is not expected to make any decisions Bruce Smart Jr., a former undersecon the post until after trade minis- retary of commerce.

the position of the present trade firmed. representative, Clayton K. Yeutter, who will head the U.S. delegation at Montreal.

Among those in the running for raguan rebels has drawn much crit- the job are Edmund T. Pratt Jr... chairman and chief executive of Pfizer Inc.; M. Peter McPherson, deputy secretary of the Treasury; Representative Bill Frenzel, Republican of Minnesota: and S.

ters from 96 countries meet in Several Senate aides said that WASHINGTON - Elliott Montreal next month to chart the even if Mr. Abrams was the ulti-Abrams, the assistant secretary of course of world trade liberaliza- mate choice they did not think he

France Tests Nuclear Device

WELLINGTON, New Zealand - France has detonated a nuclear device with an estimated yield of 40 kilotons, New Zealand scientists said Thursday. The test, on the Mururoa atoli in French Polynesia, was the 102d test in the underground series launched in 1975.

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Pretoria's Other Signal

death sentences against six black prisoners. Too rare; the stronger signal from Pretoria is repression. The recent treason con-viction of four black anti-apartheid leaders

constitutes lawlessness in the name of law. A Pretoria judge accepted the government's novel argument that speech and demonstrations can constitute treason. It is hard to imagine a doctrine more likely to invite violence by rebellious black South Africans. If advocacy is to be a hanging crime, what course remains but revolution?

The government has had a very specific target in this three-year political trial: the United Democratic Front, an anti-apartheid coalition committed to nonviolence. The charges grew out of violent protests four years ago when the white regime instituted a new constitution. It gave a limited franchise to people of mixed race but none whatsoever to the black majority. The real provocation was the constitution,

not the UDF campaign against it.

President Pieter Botha has repeatedly rebuffed proposals for direct talks between his government and the African National Congress, whose leaders refuse to condemn vio-lent resistance. It was because he would not

What a rare and welcome step in South
Africa: the commutation Wednesday of sentenced to life imprisonment in 1964.

Now four UDF leaders face hanging because their "hostile intent" constitutes treason. With this mind-reading test, who is safe in a society that already bans demonstrations, illegalizes multiracial opposition and stifles free speech?

The treason prosecution may seem at variance with Pretoria's pragmatic diseagagement from Angola, and the hints that Mr. Botha would like to free Mr. Mandela. But there is a distressing consistency.

Pulling back from an unpopular war in Angola has not hurt the government with a white electorate, and any hint of softness abroad is now offset by a deadly dose of vindictive justice at home. At a moment when Pretoria should be freeing prisoners and opening talks, it embraces a legal formula for filling jails and discouraging contacts.

How much wiser if there were more gestures like Mr. Botha's commutation of the death sentence of six blacks convicted of having a "common purpose" with the mob killers of a Sharpeville councilman in 1984. How much better if Pretoria matched its pragmatism abroad by dealing as maturely with the majority of its own people.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Arafat, but No Pistol

Should Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, be given the American visa that would allow him to address the United Nations next month? Yes. The PLO has official status at the United Nations, and the United States is obligated under its headquarters agreement with the UN to let in people, even undesirable ones, who have official business to transact. There is a big fuss over the Arafat visa, but the issue is simple. Mr. Arafat came to the United Nations once before, in 1974. He should be allowed to come again.

The State Department, which is going through a bit of a shuffle on the matter. presumably will grant the visa. Mr. Arafat wants to make the trip to report on the Palestine national movement's recent announcement of a state. The American government does not find that the PLO has met its conditions for recognition as spokesman for the Palestinian movement. Nor does it think there should be an independent Palestinian state. It believes that whatever political status the Palestinians eventually get they should get by negotiation and not by their own unilateral declaration. The American public, moreover, is not exactly crazy about Yasser Arafat. Americans do not care

for his political ideas, and do not like his patronage of terrorism. But the United States, in undertaking to host the UN, agreed long ago to let its accredited members and observers come and go, and the PLO fits in the latter category. We see a particular benefit in the Arafat

appearance. He will get the chance to speak to Americans and the world. But Americans are getting the chance to speak to him. The visa flap already has produced a brisk and useful public discussion of the PLO and terrorism. The PLO has confirmed itself as the authentic political voice of most Palestinians. But it is also deeply tinged by the traditions, ideas, practices and practitioners of terrorism, and, as an organization, it has never mustered the inclination or will to repudiate these activities. Even at the recent Algiers meeting, called to put the best face possible on the Palestinians' bid for statehood, the PLO maintained a suspect ambiguity.

It is good for Mr. Arafat to know that a great many Americans, whatever their views on political issues in the Middle East, are alarmed and troubled by PLO terroristn. And if he does come to the United Nations, he should leave his pistol home. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

Make It Easier to Vote

dismal as predicted: Only half of America's eligible voters actually voted in the 1988 election, the lowest proportion since 1924. The figures offer no magic solution. But they argue strongly that more people would

rote if voting could be made easier

Who were the nonvoters? According to a New York Times-CBS News survey, they tended to be younger, poorer and less educated than voters, Would their votes have changed the outcome? No. If nonvoters had voted, Vice President George Bush might have won by 11 percentage points instead of 8— largely because of pro-Bush sentiment

among younger nonvoters. Why didn't they vote? Seventeen percent did not care or were too busy; 13 percent disliked the candidates. These numbers suggest apathy and dismay.

But the largest group, 37 percent, said they did not vote because they were not regis-tered. And the majority of those said they would have voted if they could simply have showed up at the polls on Election Day.

There is disagreement about the impor-tance of registration as an obstacle to turn-

out. The Committee for the Study of the American Electorate noted a decrease in voting this year even among registered voters. It found that in two states with Election Day registration. Wisconsin and Minnesota. mmout had fallen below 1972 levels, when The real problem, those findings imply, is not onerous registration rules but an ominous reluctance to exercise the right to vote. Yet the same study also suggests that simpler rules would add as many as 13 million voters to the rolls. It stands to reason. too, that simpler rules would boost turnout among the groups most conspicuously absent from this year's election - the poor and less educated, who often are deterred by complex procedures; and young people, who are more likely to have moved recently.

In this computer age, why not allow voters to establish their identities on Election Day with Social Security cards or driver's licenses? That will not remedy widespread voter apathy, and there may be argur about how much good it would do. But there is no argument that eliminating archaic barriers would be a sensible first step.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Russia's Surly Empire

Russia's control over much of the territory that is called the Soviet Union is at risk, and even the Gorbachev sort of Communist does not see why.

[The Russians] are overextended. Most people in most of the eight countries of communized Eastern Europe do not want to be run by Communist governments, and do not like being told by Russians that they have got to be. Forty years of that double arrogance from Moscow - Marx knows best, and Russia knows what Marx really nt - have created the makings of an East European rebellion. And the Russians' justified fear that they are overextended now reaches back into the Soviet Union. Seven rumbling republics between Russia and the European heartland are all either Slav but non-Russian (Ukraine, Belorussia) or not Slav at all (the Baltic trio, Georgia. Armenia). They resent being Russified.

The Soviet empire is not about to vanish entirely. Mr. Gorbachev is too good a Communist, and politician, for that. Change in its shape and its extent there will neverthe less be. New forces are at work, old ones are waning historic mistakes are being exposed. As any Marxist could tell you, that makes change inevitable.

- The Economist (Landon).

Mighty Chun Is Still Falling

A year ago President Chun Doo Hwan

still possessed near-authoritarian control over 40 million fellow South Koreans. Today he is a humiliated and broken man. Like failed rulers of old, he has been forced to apologize publicly for his adminis-tration's crimes and follies. Like failed rulers of old, he has had to slink away from the capital to find haven. The mighty are indeed fallen. But for Mr. Chun the fall is not over. Opposition legislators are determined that Mr. Chun should be called to account for the brutalities and the corruption that marked his rule. Young radicals insist that Mr. Chun

be tried and executed. But cooler-headed

politicians in all opposition parties seem re-

luctant to bring Mr. Chun to trial, recogniz-ing the instability that could result. President Roh Tae Woo has shown himself sensitive to public opinion and, so far, genuntely interested in seeing democracy take root. He can turn a deaf ear to the student radicals, and maybe discount what opposition politicians say. What he probably not do is ignore the middle class. Mr. Chun's fate may ultimately rest with those whose prosperity and political importance are due in no small part to the economic

policies fostered by his authoritatian regime. - The Los Angeles Times.

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Our Battered Globe: The Worst Is Yet to Come

N EW YORK — The presidential candidates did not mention and probably few Americans noticed a brief, chilling New York Times report from Beijing on Oct. 28: Twenty million Chinese may starve and a further 80 million will endure severe food shortages in the coming months. A natural disaster? Yes, floods and droughts devastated China this year; but its coming or-

deal is man-made, too.

An area of China the size of Italy has been denuded of forests and become a virtual desert in the last 30 years - the consequence of indiscriminate cutting for firewood, timber and agricultural clearance. That made floods and drought inevita-

ble, and their consequences worse.

To its credit, China has undertaken the world's largest reforestation project, more than 4.5 million hectares (11 million acres) a year — including a 6,500-kilometer (4,000-mile) "great green wall" of trees, shrubs and other plantings. Whether the tide of sand, environmental destruction and death can be reversed is not clear, but the effort surely is coming too late for the millions of Chinese

Elsewhere, the deforestation of the Earth, at its worst in the developing world, seems to be proceed-ing inexorably. The World Watch Institute, for example, has reported that "in less than a decade forest cover within 100 kilometers of India's major cities dropped by 15 percent or more; the area ing Delhi lost a staggering 60 percent" - mostly to firewood cutting.

By Tom Wicker

A new publication of the World Resources Institute and the International Institute for Environment and Development notes, moreover, that "600,000 bectares of closed forests are lost each year" in Indonesia alone.

Around the world, 11 million hectares of trooical forest and other woodlands are lost annually.
With world trade in wood and wood products projected to grow for the next 50 years, and with the world's rapidly growing population in dire need of more agricultural land and firewood — about half the world's population already relies on noncommercial firewood as its sole energy source — the

descrifying of much of the Earth is a real prospect. Deforestation is one of the worst environmental crises facing the nations of the world; but it is by no means the only one. Much has been written about the "greenhouse effect," the ozone layer and acid rain - none of which honor national boundaries or even hemispheric differences. World Resources, 1988-1989, the new publication already referred to, points out in its summary alone that:

 More than 60 percent of the world's productive drylands - rangelands, rain-fed croplands and irrigated drylands - have suffered losses of biological productivity, possibly leading to desert-like condi-tions. In sub-Saharan Africa, more than 80 percent

of dry rangelands are described already.

• A decade from now, the urban population of

developing regions will be twice that of the developed world's urban population; half the Earth's population, compared with 30 percent in 1950, will live in urban areas — the most potent generators of sewage, trash and industrial waste, which few cities

in developing areas can handle properly.

Habitat losses of all types, mostly forest destruction, threaten species diversity, the loss of which endangers the richly intertwined ecosystems of the Earth; in Southeast Asia, 68 percent of wildlife habitat has disappeared and in sub-Saharan Africa, 65 percent has been lost.

· Worldwide fuel combustion at high temperature now emits into the atmosphere, every year, more than 20 million metric tons of nitric oxide, which is a major contributor to smog, acid rain and the greenhouse effect. .

• The world's strained resources, now supporting about five billion people in varying degrees of misery and affluence, will have to sustain life for more than eight billion by 2025 (a United Nations projection). Africa's population alone then will equal those of Europe, North and South America. These threats to life on this battered globe are

more ominous than the danger of nuclear holocaust.

If President-elect George Bush is determined to protect real national security, he cannot relegate such crucial issues of survival to bureaucratic back-waters in the State Department or the Environmental Protection Agency. They belong on the president's desk, the day he enters the Oval Office.

The New York Times

From Ford and Carter, a Desperate Improvisation

WASHINGTON — In the two centuries of the American By David S. Broder

Republic, there had never been another moment like this. The two most recent former presidents of the United States, one Republican and one Democratic, have called on the president-elect to offer not just congratulations but what they called an American Agenda" from which he

might shape his plans.
Before telling you what bothers me so much about this, let me say that the report delivered to George Bush by Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford is full of sensible observations. It represents the best thinking of 400 veterans of recent administrations, leaders of business, labor, education and the law. It was edited into a document of exceptional force and clarity by two former White House aides, James Cannon, a Republican, and Smart Eizenstat, a Democrat,

who initiated the project.
Its proposals for dealing with such problems as the budget deficit and the quest for arms control reflect experienced counsel. Particularly striking is the bipartisan agreement on the need to restrain Social Security retirement benefits and boost consumer taxes to avoid minous cuts in defense and domestic programs.

The former presidents give great importance to improving health, nutrition and early education programs for millions of children in poverty. "We see two Americas." they say in a rebuke to complacency, "one increas-

implicit belief, shared by two men who reached the top of the American

governmental system, that the sys-tem itself must be overcome if the nation is to meet its challenges. What Mr. Ford and Mr. Carter are saying to Mr. Bush is: Forget the campaign and the commitments stemming from it. And figure out how to sidestep the separation of powers the constitution established between the Congress and the executive branch. The two presidents are not quite advocating conversion to parliamentary government. But

they are groping in that direction.

In a joint television interview, Mr.

Ford spoke scathingly of the "simplistic" metonic of the campaign and ongingly of the British model of five-week parliamentary elections. Mr. Carter agreed that this was the "most irresponsible campaign for president I have ever known," be-cause both candidates avoided "all the things that are controversial." In a message bordering on the pa-tronizing, they wrote Mr. Bush that "being a candidate for president and being president are two very different things ... Although you certainly have political obligations, your closest friends and strongest supporters will best serve you by understanding that all things are different now." In inviting Mr. Bush to turn his

back on his campaign pledges, they ignore the risk that such action would increase cynicism in an already cynical electorate. They also urge Mr. Bush to invite

key leaders of the Democratic-controlled Congress to join him and his principal advisers for "a long weekretreat in December, outside Washington. No fixed agenda; just

Yep, George, pretty soon you

an effort at "creating a personal rap-port" that might lead to a "bipartisan agreement" on a budget plan.

They urge Mr. Bush to make a deal in which congressional leaders would swap the promise of "continu-ing consultation" on foreign policy for the forfeiting of their right to "micromanage" national-security po-"micromanage" national security po-licy through legislative amendments. Both proposals assume that gov-ernment should operate as the Ford-Carter commission did: as an orderly

conclave of wise men, beyond personal ambition or partisan conflict. Back when voters took political parties seriously, such a proposal would have been laughed out of town. Can you imagine Franklin Roosevelt being advised by Herbert Hoover to go off on "a long weekend" retreat with the Republican congressional leaders of his day?

But now voters have institution alized a new set of checks and balances between a near-permanent Democratic Congress and a near-permanent Republican presidency. So people like Mr. Ford and Mr. Carter find themselves trying to circumvent the constitution's sepa-

ration of powers, all to avoid the dangers of policy stalemate. This kind of desperate improvisa-tion is what we must expect when political parties fail to use campaigns to define policy choices and settle control of government, Au-thentic Americans like Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter start wishing that

the country had a parliament.

ingly wealthy, one tragically poor." But what is most intriguing is the can take over the oars ... The Washington Post. Why They Won't Stop Talking About Wallenberg

By A. M. Rosenthal

N EW YORK — The other day I mentioned to a friend, a journalist, that I was going to take part in a meeting in New York about Raoul Wallenberg. He looked at me in astonishment. "Wallenberg? The man has been missing for what, 40

years, more — ever since the end of World War II. Nobody lives that long in a Russian prison! What is there to talk about anymore?" I suppose I looked as astonished as he. I told him that the Wallenberg story kept popping up in my mind because one story or another in the news reminded me of him. We agreed

that people have different interests. That night at the meeting of the Raoul Wallenberg Committee of the United States there were lawyers and bankers and teachers, writers, some men from Wall Street, doctors, retailers, clergymen, about 150 people in all, including a member of Congress and a diplomat representing Carl XVI Gustaf, the king of Sweden. There were New Yorkers, and men

and women from Colorado, Idaho, California and Michigan who be-longed to the U.S. group, one of 13 Wallenberg committees in the world. The same day there was a story on the front page of every newspaper that called the name of Wallenberg into the minds of thousands of Americans who read it. The story said that Mikhail Gorbachev would visit the

United States in December. In 1944, Raoul Wallenberg, a Swede of 32, was asked by American representatives to go to Budapest, there to risk his life every day by trying to snatch Hungarian Jews from the Nazis. German soldiers and Hungarian Fascists were rounding them up to send to slaughter camps. Mr. Wallenberg came from a good family and had a fine education, but there was nothing about him that spoke of the man he was to become in Budapest — a man who by force of his He used only diplomatic status, a little money contributed by Ameri-can Jews, and a stunningly indomitable will. He hid Jews in houses from which he hung Swedish flags. He marched into knots of Nazi kidnappers crying, "Ich bin Wallenberg!" as if that would make them fall back. Sometimes it did.

ian lews were murdered by the Germans. Raoul Wallenberg saved thousands. To them and to their sons and daughters, and to millions of people around the world for whom the Holocaust is eternal, Mr. Wallenberg is an almost mystical reminder of what one decent, brave person can do, just one. In January 1945, the Russians en-tered Budapest. Mr. Wallenberg went to meet them and disappeared. For years, the Russians said they had no idea where he was.

Hundreds of thousands of Hungar-

In 1957, Andrea Gromyko, then a own will did rescue thousands of Jews. deputy foreign minister and later pres-

living in a mining town and having

to shop at the company store: The selection is artificially limited, the

prices are jacked up and the op-pressed consumer subsidizes the

corporations that are in control.

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ident of the Soviet Union, said yes, Mr. Wallenberg had been impriso but had died in a Soviet jail in 1947 and that there were no documents or witnesses remaining. From that day to this the Soviet government has added no further information. But the Wallenberg movement is as

alive as ever. One reason is hope. Nobody wants to say it is gone. There are many who cling hard to the belief he is alive and meticulously try to track down reports that he has been seen in one Soviet prison or another. The other, far stronger, is the determination not to do to Mr. Wallenberg what he refused to do to the Jews of Hungary — turn away. For the people in every part of the

world, Mr. Wallenberg becomes part of every story that has to do with brave men and women willing to sacrifice life or liberty for others. Andrei Sakharov visits the United States and his very presence somehow freshens the name of Wallenberg.

The U.S. Senate honors a Polish Jew called Raphael Lenkin, almost 30 years after his death. It puts into law the genocide convention to which he devoted his life. Thought association: Raoul Wallenberg and Raphael Lemkin fought murder, each in his own way.

Now there is a Wallenberg story of another kind — Mr. Gorbachev's visit. Will he finally fulfill the hopes that he would uncover and reveal the full

story of Raoul Wallenberg? The responsibility to reply belongs to Mikhail Gorbachev. The responsibility to ask the question belongs to those who meet with him.

President Reagan and Presidentelect Bush will have the chance. So will the press. It is an opportunity for alists, and a far greater one for the leader of the Soviet Union. The New York Times,

The Latins Get Defiant About Debt

By Mariene Nadle

N EW YORK — President Alan Garcia Perez of Peru may have run into deep economic troubles recently but that has not discouraged politicians in major Latin American countries from following his political prototype of populist debt defiance.
All over the region, populist candidates are gaining widespread sup-

port. Among the most prominent are: Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, who ran a strong second in the still disputed Mexican presidential election in July. Carlos Andrés Pérez, a strong favorite in the Venezuelan presidential

elections on Dec. 4. Carlos Saul Menem, who is lavored to succeed Rani Alfonsin as president of Argentina in May. Leonel Brizola, a leading candidate

for the Brazilian presidency, which will be decided in November 1989. Populist victories could cut one of two ways: They could lead to greater confrontations with Washington and increased strains on fragile Latin democracies or force the United States to develop a more rational debt policy.

The populists repudiate their governments current, U.S.-backed debt policies that give billions to American bankers each year while putting Latins into economic crisis. They are striving to build their mandates with appeals to the middle class, which has seen its way of life ravaged by inflation, and the poor, who have suffered the worst of the recession, hunger and despair. They are not wild men but traditional politicians trying to meet the needs of their constituents. As a matter of national survival, they are ready to take the desperate act of stopping payment on all or part of their countries' foreign

debts. They feel they have no choice. Mr. Pérez, a former Venezuelan president, is taking a tougher debt stance because, even in his wealthy country, the inflation rate in August reached an annual rate of 28 percent, cash reserves and oil prices are falling, and, for the first time, Venezuela has had to go further into debt to make payments on its \$35 billion debt, which took 26 percent of the country's

export earnings last year. Mr. Pérez has become an outspoken supporter of Mr. Garcia, who has limited Peru's debt payments to 10 percent of its export earnings. Mr. Perez is likely to set his own terms, too, if he

cannot secure some debt relief Governor Menem is a Peronist who gained prominence when he created an economic boom in his province, La Rioja, and promised a "productivity revolution" for his economically moribund country by putting Argentine money into growth rather than the coffers of foreign bankers.

As president, he has said, he would pension of interest payments on the \$57 billion debt cent of export earnings in 1987. And, with President Alfonsin's and his Radical Party having lost their ma-jority in the Congress last year, the plan is likely to win approval.

Many Brazilians are turning to former Governor Brizola in unease over the weak leadership of President José Sarney and out of fear that their economy and country are out of control and their democracy threatened. Despite a strong industrial base, the Brazilian economy is edging toward a situation as bad as Argentina's, with an annualized inflation rate of more than 700 percent in October. Mr. Brizola is developing a plan to restructure payment terms on the country's \$121 billion debt, which took 35 percent of export earnings in 1987. One option he is considering is to repay debt in Brazilian currency.

Washington need not respond to debt rebellion, as it has in the past, by supporting a punitive cutoff of credit and capital, further damaging eco-nomic and political stability. Nor need it remain opposed to substantive debt reduction. As was demonstrated in the 1940s in Latin America, debt reduction can be a workable policy.

A bill before the U.S. Congress \would reduce each country's loans to their actual market worth and require payments to an international debt facility rather than directly to the banks. Jeffrey Sachs, a Harvard economist, estimates that even if debtor nations failed to pay their reduced bill, it would take only 6 percent of Ameri-ca's \$16 billion foreign aid budget over a few years to cover the payments and end the global debt crisis.

That is a small price to pay to avoid the risk of losing the major Latin nations as trading partners and stable political allies.

The writer, a journalist, is senior research fellow at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs. She contributed this comment to The New York Times.

100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1888: Imperial Progress PARIS - The German Emperor's speech, at the opening of the Reichstag, has been received everywhere with

genuine satisfaction. The contrast between his maiden speeches last sum-mer and his statesmanlike utterances of Nov. 22 is most marked, and is, in every way, reassuring for Europe, William II realizes that it is better to go down to posterity as the Augustus of Europe rather than its Attila.

1913: Masterpiece 'Lost'

LONDON — England has lost and America has gained another of the greatest masterpieces known to the art world. It is none other than the famous Panshanger Raphael, also known as the Cowper "Madonna," which Mssrs. Duveen Brothers have acquired from the Desborough family. The condi-

happened, the Gallery had not sufficient money to pay so high a price. whatever that was. The painting will very probably find a final home in the Metropolitan Museum in New York

1938: U.S. Black Shirts OKLAHOMA CITY - Public offi-

cials and school authorities today [Nov. 25] were undecided whether the latest antic of Oklahoma City's high school students was serious or merely adolescent tomfoolery." The students had formed a secret society whose uniform was a black shirt. The students, all under twenty, call the society leaders "commisaries," affect all-black uniforms and mustaches and practice rifle-shooting. They de-clare they advocate "bloodless political change, a new social and economic order providing equality for all, elimination of class lines, more sex the Desborough family. The conditions attached to the purchase of the picture were that the National Gallery should first have an opportunity of acquiring it. But, as has frequently acquiring it. But, as has frequently entered and declared the society was a "pretty serious affair for a joke."

For Japanese, One Big Company Store

T OKYO — For weeks, my family begged my parents in the United States for an early Christmas present: fleece-lined slippers to save us from chilblains. We can't wear our shoes indoors, the floors are cold and the Japanese-made cloth slippers available locally are, to be polite about it, nothing special in quality or price.

My mother obligingly ordered the slippers from the L. L. Bean catalogue. The price, which by Japanese standards seems indecently low, was \$27 a pair, or \$108 for a shipment of four pairs. Last evening the local delivery service called to say that the slippers had arrived and could be whisked to our house as soon as we paid the import duty of 19,200 year. At current exchange rates this is \$156, for an

effective import tax of 145 percent. Japan heavily taxes nearly all imported items containing leather. My slippers were put in an "indoor shoes" classification that allowed them to be taxed at 60 percent of their value or 4,800 yen an item, whichever is more. This works out to a \$39 minimum tax on every pair of slippers and shoes.

significance of the episode is that it lhistrates an important but obscure source of trade friction between Japan and the rest of the world: the astonishing Japanese apathy about the system of organized extortion that is Japan's consumer economy. Just before I paid the ransom money for my Christmas present, I was talking with an influential Japanese journalist who had served for vears in the United States. Like

Do I mention this because it

drives me crazy? Partly. But the real

By James Fallows

virtually everyone in Japan, he was relieved that George Bush had won, since the Republicans seemed more likely to keep U.S. markets open. But not even Mr. Bush's election my friend thought, would solve all of America's problems — notably

the "twin deficits," in the federal budget and foreign trade. Sure, Ja-pan would like to help, but there is only so much that friends can do for someone who will not help himself. "Really, what can we buy from America?" he asked. "We are al-ready buying a lot of food, and most other products aren't suited to our standards or our style of life." This opinion was significant pre-

cisely because in Japan it is such a cliché. In casual conversations and in official statements, Japanese typically express a two-part theory on the origins of the trade imbalance. First, Japan can make most products better than anyone else, so there is little for it to buy besides raw materials, luxuries and entertainment And second, Japan's markets are already open, so if U.S. products don't sell here that only confirms America's lack of will. Obviously, this theory is partly

true: Japan's products are often the

best and American exporters often

do not try hard enough. But just as

obviously—to non-Japanese—the theory is partly false. Many Japa-nese products, from ready-made

clothing to housing fixtures, are me-

diocre, and everything in Japan, from food to Japanese-made elec-

product, especially a Japanese-made product, that is priced lower in Japan than in the United States.) Indeed, it would be hard for the average Japanese consumer even to know whether there is anything to buy from America. By the time a product gets into Japan, it is so sad-dled with tariffs and middle-man markups that, like my poor slippers, it has become "uncompetitive," too. At an intellectual level, many Japanese must understand that the system is rigged. When the Japa-

nese leave the country and can shop somewhere besides the company store, they buy up everything they see. But once they set foot on the home islands again, they seem to forget what they have learned or to suppress the desire to complain. Some newspapers have begun ask-ing why Japanese-made cameras and computers are cheaper in New York than in Tokyo, but most people still write the price gap off as another of America's oddities, not as an indictment of Japan's own tariffs and retail cartels. Is there "anything to buy" from the outside world? Clear out these stupid

tariffs and the Japanese will see. The writer reports for The Atlantic tronics, is "uncompetitively" priced.

Being a consumer in Japan is like

Monthly from Asia. He conti Monthly from Asia. He contributed

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New Talks

By Shamir

And Peres

Expected

By Glenn Frankel

JERUSALEM - Leaders of Is-

rael's two major political parties

are expected to reopen negotiations

over the formation of a new gov-

erament early next week in re-

sponse to pressures both from

within their own ranks and from

Party officials confirmed reports

on Friday that emissaries of the

rightist Likud Party had made a

new approach to the left-of-center

Labor Pary in an attempt to ar-

range another meeting between

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of Likud and Foreign Minister Shi-

called off by Labor earlier this

week after Likud refused its rival

party's demands for parity in the

cabinet and for two senior portfolios - the Finance and Defense

Ministries — for Labor leaders Mr. Peres and Yitzhak Rabin.

before he must return to President Chaim Herzog and either deliver a

government or seek an additional

three weeks to do so. Aides say that

makes this next week a milestone

- but not necessarily the conclud-

ing one in a long, complex test of

Mr. Shamir, whose party nar-

rowly edged out Labor by one seat

in the Nov. 1 parliamentary elec-

tions, wants to recruit his oppo-

tionally, and to dilute the influence

of the far-right and religious parties.

said. Mr. Shamir fears a return to

the conditions of the last national

unity government in which Mr.

Peres in effect conducted his own

foreign policy, promoting the idea

of an international Middle East

peace conference despite Mr. Sha-

But at the same time, the aide

political nerves.

Mr. Shamir has nine more days

The last series of talks were

American Jewry.

mon Peres of Labor.

NATO: Alliance Issues Data on East-West Force Levels

cluded in any bloc-to-bloc military

France agreed to join this time because the new presentation is intended to reduce military uncertainties between East and West as part of the negotiations in the Con-

open in that city early next year. Soviet officials have consistently challenged NATO figures on East- attack forces. West arms, saying that simple nu-merical counts failed to reflect the qualitative advantage of NATO's patterns to show how many Soviet newest weapons. But U.S. officials active combat and artillery divisaid Friday that this NATO docu-

The NATO presentation prefigures the overall Western approach The tables show numbers of forces tions.

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of Peshawar pointed out.

Soviet Shopping

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and amounts of equipment in Europe, from the Atlantic to the Urals, without trying to assess their combat effectiveness or indicate whether Soviet forces could prevail in a nonnuclear conflict.

By graphically displaying the Soviet superiority in tanks and arference on Security and Coopera-tillery, the NATO figures foreshadvienna and in the Conventional arms talks, in which NATO leaders Vienna, and in the Conventional Stability Talks, which is likely to have said that they will concentrate on getting the Soviet Union to make heavily lopsided cuts in their

Similarly, a chart formulated data about Soviet troop-stationing active combat and artillery divisions are stationed outside the Soment had to show overall totals viet Union in Eastern Europe. The because that is the basis for cuts. reduction of these forces, which can be used as garrison troops to maintain Soviet authority, is anothto the planned arms-control talks. er Western objective in the negotia-

The document rejects Soviet claims of Western superiority in fighter aircraft in Europe. NATO planners have rejected a standard Soviet device of omitting many of their own fighters by reclassifying them as "air-defense interceptors."

Data for the document come from all 16 NATO nations, which provided the figures about the should be covered by the talks. Forces deployed outside of Europe - for example, U.S. and Canadian troops in North America or French contingents in Africa - were ex-

months of consultation. Figures for Warsaw Pact forces were based on intelligence estimates, coordinated experts from NATO nations. by experts from NATO nations. The Warsaw Pact has promised to start providing data about its own forces, but has never done so.

mir's opposition. Despite his party's decision to pull out of the talks, Mr. Peres has not closed the door to further negotiations but has listed several demands that would give Labor an effective veto over any governmental decision. He also wants the adoption in advance of a set of sketchy, forcing people to rely on policy principles that his aides say would provide flexibility in seeking

a new peace initiative. Mr. Peres originally had insisted he could not enter any government that would not pursue the international conference concept. But in interviews published Friday in the Israeli press, he appeared to back away, noting that the recent resolutions of the Palestine National Council, the reticence of King Hussein of Jordan and the pending start of the new Bush administra-

Shamir says he favors.

UNREST: Yerevan Under Curfew

largest refugee population, and some of the relief organizations have budgets the size of those of small countries, a Western resident

Alongside the foreign relief workers live the more prosperous Afghans, who are free to take jobs

and open businesses in Pakistan. The leaders of guerrilla organizamaintain offices in big houses easy to identify by the concentration of up-to-date vans and four-wheeldrive vehicles, some American, that cluster by their gates, watched over by armed men in shawls. The Communist takeover of Afghanistan, followed by guerrilla

warfare and then Soviet military intervention sent thousands of Kabul residents fleeing eastward through the Khyber Pass, taking their cars and tourist vans with University Road, which passes from Bara Bazaar through the residential neighborhood surrounding

Peshawar University, has become a Armenians in the town. used-car strip worthy of suburban According to the Armenian ac-America, except that here and there a showroom bears a name like Af-If peace comes to Afghanistan

officially confirmed.

and refugees begin returning home. the fate of the Peshawar economy. actificially inflated and luxury-oriented, is a concern of local political

been iraposed on three Azerbaijani The ethnic flare-up poses a maor domestic challenge for Mr. Gor-

trip to New York, Havana and London early next month, received President François Mitterrand of

Azerbaijan, where three Soviet soldiers were killed Tuesday while trying to separate Christian Armenians from Moslem Azerbaijanis. Armenian activists said that the Armenian quarter in the town was

houses. The reports could not be

Official Soviet accounts of the violence in the Transcaucasian republics have been extremely

their information on a message to mander of Soviet forces in Kirova-

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towns, including the capital, Baku. bachev at a time when he is trying

France on Friday.

groups of Azerbaijanis attacking Armenians and burning Armenian

nents into a broad-based govern-ment under his leadership for two number of their own forces that reasons, according to a senior aide: to display a united front interna-

The figures were based on 18

second-hand reports and rumors. While Armenian activists have a fairly sophisticated network for the exchange of information, much less

conference idea for now.

Aides say Mr. Peres would settle for policy guidelines that would not rule out the conference nor restrict the new government to the Camp David peace formulations that Mr.

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A Czechoslovak Church Activist's Fate

By John Tagliabue New York Times Service

PRAGUE — Augustin Navratil, a railroad worker from rural Moravia, symbolized reli-gious revival earlier this year when he began a petition for religious liberty that collected nearly 600,000 signatures.
On Oct. 28, Mr. Navratil also became a

symbol of the government's crackdown on dissent when the authorities committed him to a mental asylum.

Mr. Navratil's internment by order of an appeals court in Brno was one of a series of blows in excent months against independent religious activity. In August, a Bratislava appeals court upheld a four-year jail sentence against an un-

derground publisher of religious material. Ivan Polansky, for subversion. On Oct. 28, the day of Mr. Navratil's internment, the police in Brno arrested a Jesuit priest, the Reverend Frantisek Lizna, on suspicion of incitement, after leaflets recalling the 70th anniversary of Czechoslovak

independence were found in his automobile. There are also increased reports of pressure by state security agents on people seeking entrance into religious orders.

Two Prague women in their 20s who sought to enter the Franciscan order described interrogations by security officers whose aim, they said, was to enlist their services as informers.

The stepped-up government harassment is widely viewed in Prague as part of a broader drive to curb independent activity. Roman Catholic advocates of change, human rights campaigners and independent political groups have become increasingly active in

ecent months. But the crackdown also reflects the apparent failure of the government and the Vatican to ease strained relations,

Progress appeared to have been made in June when officials of the Vatican and Czechoslovakia agreed on the appointment of three bishops to fill some of the 10 vacancies among the 12 Roman Catholic dioceses in the country.

The appointment of new bishops, which

the Communist government seeks to influence, is a principal point of contention. This month, the death of the bishop of Nitra, Jan Pasztor, put the number of vacancies back at The government, following a 300-year tra-dition, licenses and pays the country's Ro-

man Catholic priests. Catholic orders of priests and nuns are repressed, priestly activities are limited and efforts are made to gain control of church affairs through a statesponsored priests' organization, Pacem in

Government talks with the Vatican that were scheduled for early this month were postponed indefinitely, and a further shadow

was cast over prospects for an accord when a Vatican envoy attending Bishop Pasztor's funeral, Archbishop Francesco Colasuonno, returned to the Vatican without meeting government officials.

Foreign diplomats and Czechoslovaks said the government's intransigence appeared insingly to be at cross-purposes with a new Soviet liberality toward religion.

During a visit to Hungary this month, Alexander N. Yakovlev, a Soviet Politburo member and a close associate of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, paid homage to Catholic tradition by meeting the leader of Hun-gary's Roman Catholic Church, Cardinal Laszlo Paskai, in Esztergom, the traditional seat of Hungarian Catholicism.

In Prague last week, people close to the church leadership said that Mr. Yakovlev had expressed interest in meeting Cardinal Frantisek Tomasek, 89, the embattled leader of the Czechoslovak church.

But the government prevailed on the Soviet official to meet only representatives of Pacem

Diplomats who attended Mr. Navratil's hearing said that psychiatrists testified that he suffered from a kind of paranoia under which, the psychiatrists said, he compulsively criticized government policy. Courts had committed him for psychiatric care twice

Bush Brushes Aside Questions on Medicare Cuts

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine

- President-elect George Bush said Friday that he would quickly turn his attention to cutting the U.S. deficit, but he brushed aside questions on reports that he may attempt to trim \$3.5 billion to \$5

billion from Medicare. "I keep reading in the papers a lot of things I'm supposed to be doing that I don't know anything about," Mr. Bush said during a shopping trip while on a four-day Thanksgiving vacation at his familv's oceanside retreat.

Mr. Bush indicated that he had made no decisions yet on budget cuts. "Don't make judgments based on stories that don't really have any authority behind them, he said.

A spokesman, Stephen Hart, said that suggestions on cuts in the Medicare health insurance program for the elderly were "completely speculative.

Sources close to the vice president, who spoke on condition of

Italian Sailor Killed in Fire The Associated Press

ROME - A fire killed a sailor Friday aboard an Italian frigate recently returned from the Gulf to northwest Italy, the navy said.

onymity, said that the selection submits his final budget to Conof a defense secretary remained uncertain. They said that Mr. Bush's advisers were deeply divided on John Tower of Texas, the former chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, as a possible can-

didate for the post. Mr. Bush has given few clues, but in recent days he has appeared to discourage suggestions that he would choose Mr. Tower.

The president-elect declined to comment on reports that his administration would go along with billions of dollars' worth of Medicare cuts expected to be proposed

when President Ronald Reagan

gress in January.

gress on budget cuts. four times the Richard G. Darman, his choice overall inflation.

as budget director, suggested a strategy in which Mr. Bush would refrain from submitting his own draft of the Reagan budget, but instead would work behind the scenes with Congress to forge a

compromise. But Mr. Darman has also said that Medicare was an area where Mr. Bush would look for savings.

Without changes, Medicare is ress in January.

Mr. Bush said earlier this week \$97.7 billion in fiscal 1990, which that, on the first day of his presi- starts Oct. 1. That figure represents dency, he would appoint negotia-tors to meet with members of Confour times the expected rate of

> Mr. Bush has insisted that he would not support any form of tax increase and would seek to reduce the \$150 federal billion budget deficit with a "flexible freeze" on spending. Such a freeze would hold overall spending at the level of inflation, with spending in new areas offset by cutbacks in others.

BUSH: He Starts to Set Himself Apart From Reagan

(Continued from page 1)

reached back to the Ford era for figures such as Mr. Scowcroft, and the people he has selected to carry on have been notable for the moderation of their views.

Few ideologues, so far at least, have caught his eye as he searches for talent.

Comparing the events of this

of the Interior James G. Watt.

Rather, Mr. Bush, seems to be shaping a team more on the models of two other Republican predecessors, Dwight D. Eisenhower and

Mr. Ford. Mr. Bush bristled a bit when it transition to the one eight years was suggested by a questioner at ago, it is hard to find on Mr. Bush's the news conference on Wednesday list anyone who will go into office that he was moving slowly in

with as radical an agenda as those choosing his key associates. He inbrought in 1980 by Attorney Gen-eral Edwin Meese 3d and Secretary and the record since World War II bears him out

Mr. Eisenhower set the standard, completing the selection of his cabinet by Dec. 1, 1952.

But John F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, and Ronald Reagan all waited until December before naming a single cabinet member, and Mr. Reagan was still that he was moving slowly in





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information has come from the Azerbaijani side. to attend to foreign policy.

The Soviet leader, who plans a A spokesman for the official Armenian news agency, Armenpress, said that 1.700 Armenian refugees had arrived from Azerbaijan, many

of them helped by Soviet troops. Soldiers and armored personnel Fresh details emerged Friday carriers were reported to be sta-Armenians and Azerbaijanis

have been at loggerheads over the Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Region, an Azerbaijani territory that is claimed by Armenia. There have been no reports of violence from the largely Armenian-inhabit-

tivists, violence flared up Friday in a village outside Kirovabad, with

about the tense situation in the tioned in the streets of Yerevan.

now ringed by Soviet troops fol-lowing the burning of 60 houses belonging to Armenians. The activists said they based

Armenian government representauses in Moscow from the combad, General Pyotr Kolev. The general was said to have denied earlier rumors about the killings of

ARTS/LEISURE

Pre-Columbian Art's Allure

NEW YORK — Objects do not sell easily without the backdrop of a great culture to which buyers can relate in some way. This was repeatedly demonstrated in Sotheby's sale on Monday of pre-Columbian art, which met all the conditions for an auction to turn into a success story. Indeed, it went as well as things possibly can in this field, with proceeds exceeding \$1.1 million and a minimal failure rate of 10.5 percent.

The day was saved for Sotheby's because its experts, Stacy Goodman and Fatma Turkkan-Wille, had the good fortune and talent to attract an unusually high proportion of works of art from

SOUREN MELIKIAN

private owners. Among these, the late Arthur N. Seiff, whose widow had consigned some of the most impressive works in the auction, acted like a magnet on his fellow collectors.

Seiff, a Manhattan lawyer who specialized in negligence cases, was a legendary figure. To the poor he was the ultimate recourse for legal help in desperate cases they could not afford to fight in court - those close to him say he waived fees on more than one occasion. To the rich, Seiff was the model collector who started in the early days, driven by a passion for a well-defined aesthetic area, the quasi-Cubist art of the Mezcala culture, so designated after a village in the state of Guerre-

ro, south of Mexico City.

The suction included a series of these highly stylized stone figures believed to have been executed around 300-100 B.C. They were acquired, his wife says, mostly between 1956 and 1961. To fellow collectors, the pieces that have been out of the market for so long, are graced with an aura. Add that the most important ones had been seen in exhibitions, were illustrated in catalogues, and had spent the last few years at the Metropolitan Muse-

um, and the attraction becomes powerful indeed.

The effect is explosive concerning those pieces that are the top in their category while tying in at the same time with familiar aesthetics. It is no accident if the most expensive object in the sale was one of Seiff's Cubist-looking stone figures from the Mezcala culture. As Turkkan-Wille put it after the sale, "In a pre-Columbian art history

class, this would be the first slide on the screen. It was first seen in the 1965 exhibition at the Finch College Museum of Art. titled "Guerrero." and was featured in 1969 in the epoch-making "Precolumbian Art in New York, Selections from Private Collections" at the Museum of Primitive Art. It was then ensconced in the permanent display of pre-Columbian art in the Metropolitan from 1981 until last summer, when Sotheby's staff recovered it for the sale. A Los Angeles collector acting through an agent outbid a South African collector, fighting it out to the tune of \$88,000, the world record for a Mezcala figure, and more than

On the other hand, when familiar aesthetic references are lacking, the private collection factor helps but does little more than save the work from failure. A striking case was a burnished ware bird vase of the "late Classic" phase of Mayan art which I would rate among the three or four most beautiful works of art from pre-Columbian America I have seen in the last decade. The head of the bird, a turkey with wings carved in low relief with scrolling motifs, is handled in a way that calls to



This Mayan bird vase sold for \$66,000.

mind the figural bronzes of 6th- to 5th-century B.C. China.

The bird, which was part of a group consigned for sale by a collector and his wife who had sold their large Chicago residence, sold — but only just. At \$66,000, it matched the reserve thanks to a New York dealer with a great eye for pre-Columbian

art, Edward Merrin, who was unable to resist it.
The same fate befell another piece of Mayan art sent for sale by the same Chicago collector. The black burnished ware bowl with its outside surface divided into halves by an S-shaped line, one half a plain black, the other half carved with stylized motifs. It went for \$27,500, the low estimate, just managing to make it to the reserve. Considering that only two other pieces with similar swirling carving have been recorded, one in the Denver Art Museum, the other in the Dumbarton Oaks Foundation in Washington, the price is low.

True, one of them, the Lowe Art Museum, affiliated with the University of Miami, was inspired by its director and quasi solo curatorial member, Ira Licht, to move on a silver disk with complex and seething figural decoration from the Chimu culture. Estimated at \$8,000 to \$12,000 plus premium, it rose to \$23,200. But the object is unique - neither Turkkan-Wille nor the knowledgeable Santi Micali, owner of the Galerie Mer-moz in Paris, could remember anything like it.

However, even the unique quality was not quite enough to boost some works. A polychrome bottle engraved on the body with confronting feline heads, and belonging to late Chavin period, circa 700-400 B.C., sold for \$11,000, one-third below the low estimate. Granting that estimates were often too high, the object remains quite inexpensive. Objects that were both unique and cheap fared no better.

To have the full picture, it should be emphasized that auctions play a minor role in this field where nearly all top pieces are processed by the trade. At the Paris Biennale, in late September, the Galerie Mermoz displayed a group consisting of a seated character, a seated dog, and a reclining dog of the Remojadas-type in Veracruz around 250-750, reputed to all have been found in the same cache The asking price was around \$600,000. It was sold within three days and outshines anything at auc-

tion in recent years. There are many more pieces negotiated behind closed doors without ever surfacing publicly. That is the problem for the auction houses trying to handle pre-Columbian art. They raise the curtain but most of the action is played elsewhere.

Argento's 'Aspern' Opera Hailed in Dallas '

DALLAS - The world pre-14th opera, "The Aspern Papers," in Dallas was a major event, both artistically and in the annals of this city's opera company. The Dallas Opera first began to earn an international reputation 32 years ago projected Stockholm premiere of the opera two years hence. introducing singers to America who were later to become world-Vickers, Berganza, Domingo, Ca-

commissioned by the enterprising company. Basing himself on the Henry James novella, the 60-year-old

composer - who was also the librettist - expanded the story, which takes place in 1895, by the ingenious device of adding scenes of his own that are dramaturgically linked to James's original, but setting them in 1835. Aspera becomes not the poetic genius of the origi-nal, but a gifted young composer cut out of the same temperamental cloth as Vincenzo Bellini, who also died young. Transferring the story from Venice to Lake Como, where Bellini and Rossini, the impresario Barbaja, the diva Giuditta Pasta and the publisher Ricordi all had

literature to opera. The "Papers" of the title became a completed masterpiece by Aspern, the opera "Medea," which the young genius's mistress — the prima donna Juliana - had suppressed for 60 years after the composer drowned while attempting to swim across the lake to gratify his

villas, he retained the watery ambi-

ence but shifted the accent from

infatuation for the young singer. Central to the plot is the role of Juliana, whom we see in alternate scenes as an aged, short-tempered recluse and as the magnetic singing star at the height of her career, a double role that became an operatic tour de force for that consummate artist Elisabeth Söderström. The Swedish soprano was on stage for almost every scene of the opera in one of her incarnations — the old or young Juliana, or her anticipated assumption of the title role in Medea," the plot of which is echoed in the fates of the "Aspern" characters. She got an ovation from the Dallas audience after the final dream scene as the sorceress rejected by Jason for a younger rival. It was a role she would never play, as by that time that action had moved to 1895 and her niece Tina (Frederica von Stade) was burning "Me-dea" page by page after having failed to entice the Lodger/Musi-

cologist (Richard Stillwell) into a

By James Helme Sutcliffe marriage that would have made the musical summit of Argento's Aspern Papers his as well. The close of the opera was movmiere of Dominick Argento's ing not only on its own terms, but As in all true operas, he creates because it was Soderström's fare-character through melody but with-out diffusing the all too human the United States. It is hoped that story of love and trust misplaced, she will relent long enough to re- of opportunities missed, of life itcreate the role of Juliana in the self. Comedy touches were found The work was composed for these three artists, and it was von- (John Calvin West) which show the

renowned — Sutherland, Horne, Stade's tour with Neville Marriner and the Minneapolis Orchestra five Papers" is the first opera to be song cycle "Casa Guidi," that made the composer decide to create

composer Aspern, and his big "love duet" with Juliana in the second of two acts, after the latter knows that

tender, reflective and lyric-romantic score, rich in instrumental color. too in the scenes involving the impresario Barelli (the superb bass Eric Halfvarson), and the painter source of the portrait of Aspern that Juliana later tries to sell to the

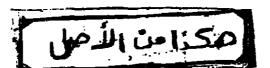
The world premiere of the opera was accompanied by a parallel an opera for her special talents. symposium on Henry James, who With her enchanting stage presence lived in Britain for most of his and luscious mezzo soprano, she creative years. "From Text to Pertoo captivated the audience as the formance," held at Southern Methtouching Tina, who loses her last odist University, was highlighted chance of marital happiness.

The tenor Neil Rosenshein creat
by lectures by Professor Leon Edel and other James experts. Added to ed the role of the passionate young all of this activity was the annual conference of the Metropolitan Opera Guild's Central Opera Ser-



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Sonia (Katherine Ciesinski) is the based critic and musician. James Helme Sutcliffe is a Berlin-Von Stade and Söderström in "The Aspern Papers" in Dallas. **ADVERTISEMENT INTERNATIONAL FUNDS** November 25, 1988 Quotations supplied by funds listed. Not asset value quotations are supplied by the Funds listed with the exception of some quotes based on issue price.
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Gérard's Iron Chronicles of the Industrial Era

MANNHEIM, West Germany IVI — The works of the French sculptor Michel Gérard that are currently on view at the Mannheim Kunsthalie (to Jan. 14) offer a significant example of what might be described as the drift of "meaning" in art over the last decade.

Gérard was born in 1938 and in his late 30s he could still be regarded as a hard-core conceptualist. Even then, however, he was working with materials as thoroughly demanding and conceptual as stainless steel. What made the conceptual label stick was the type of subject he chose. Much of his work at the time was devoted to large steel pedestals, intentionally cracked or flawed and inscribed with the name of Hegel or some

other eminent figure of the past. The meaning of such works were clear to anyone who had followed the European intellectual debate of the past 30 years. In a sense, Gerard was a premature post-modernist, and the import of his pedestals was that the days of intellectual heroes and all-encompassing systems were over.

One might readily agree with the drift of his statement yet still feel that a notion that can be so clearly expressed in words did not really need to be cast in blocks of steel And it is interesting to see that Gérard has gradually forsaken this approach and has turned to somehing quite different, more enig-natic, and which cannot be quite o readily formulated. in recent years he has been work-

ing almost exclusively with very arge and heavy slabs of iron which shapes beneath industrial hytaulic presses that bring 12,000 tons of pressure to bear on the redhot lump of metal. The result of such work can be seen in handsome sets of vertical plates, some encrusted with small stainless steel mirrors, or in heavier items, shaped at high temperature by Gérard and

Gérard still tends to have what the French call "a theoretical discourse" but the discourse no long-er manages to wrap the work up in its folds. Instead, something always seems to remain unaccounted for, and this makes his recent work so much more effective.

His largest creation to date is lestial objects. nearing completion in Saarbrück-

Michel Gérard's iron construction "Wanderings of a Caspar David," being built in Saarbrücken.

surrounding grounds is still under

en, on a piece of land that was cally complete but the work on the a monumental study of Ernst's colformerly an island in the Saar River surrounding grounds is still under lages, first in German in 1974, and but which has since World War II been connected to the riverbank.

Important steelworks occupied the island, which was also the site of a coal mine, until heavy bombing destroyed the whole installation during the war. The site remained a wasteland and an eyesore for more than 40 years: Only in the 1980s was work begun to turn it into a park and recreation area.

Gérard sees himself as a witness of what he calls "the decline of the industrial era." He believes that the history of this period should not be forgotten by the societies that have been marked by its passage, and he conceived his work at Saarbrücken titled "Wanderings of a Caspar David" - as a memorial of this

A team of four steelworkers was placed at his disposal and together, in a large industrial forge, they hammered a total of 80 tons of hot iron into powerful shapes which, Gérard says, are suggestive of various technical aspects of mine work (stays, drills and so forth) while also containing a reference to "ce-

The environment is now practi-

same sources as the collages. This connection is made apparent in the catalogue, which reproduces the text of Spies's book and also includes his study of some of Ernst's source material.

The collages can seem both entertaining and mildly disquieting. But when they were first produced they probably appeared much more disquieting and not entertaining at all. In many of them, particularly in works such as "La Femme 100 tête." Ernst chose to use the staid settings favored in French and German 19th century maga-zine engravings — a street, a bedroom, a living room - and by the simple process of collage, to intro-duce an irrational and preferably frightening association of images. He achieved this by inserting elements from a different context. such as images from scientific magazines. The general uniformity of style of such illustrations also helped to create a sense of unity in

Ernst also used other sources on occasion, including details from the prints of Gustave Dore which added a melodramatic tone, in stark contrast to the frequently somber but "normal" settings in which he placed them.

A number of interpretations sug gest themselves to the viewer. Spies evokes the fact that Ernst was very early familiar with the ideas of Sigmund Freud, and that he was motivated by a revolutionary ardor and a conviction to disrupt the then dominant and conventional view of

But since there is no way of limiting a work of art to any single meaning, even if this meaning happens to be favored by the artist himself, one is entitled to imagine that, beneath the apparent, well systematized and rationalized interpretation there may lie others, even more relevant in artistic

Works such as "La Femme 100 tête" (a pun on "la semme sans tête," or "the headless woman")

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An exhibition organized by Spies can be perceived as a rebellion not and currently at the Tubingen only against the powers that be, but Kunsthalle assembles more than also as an assault against the imagi-250 items, dated from 1917 to 1974, native positivism of the day, echothat are either collages or related to ing in Hamlet's famous line that collage in some way; for as he demonstrates, a number of familiar earth than were dreamed of in Hopaintings also borrowed from the ratio's philosophy.

The point is all the more relevant because, even though mentalities have changed considerably since the days in which Ernst produced his first important body of works, the temptation to restrict one's perception of the world to comfortable commonplaces is something encountered, not only in Horatio's masters, not only in the system that Ernst mocked and reviled, but also in our own times and minds.

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During World War II, wood was Undaunted, one manufacturer built a concert piano of concrete All that remains is the rim, displayed as a requiem of sorts, in the Museum of the American Piano. In the 19th century, hundreds of

American companies made pianos, and one of every six workers in the East was involved in piano making. Now only eight manufacturers re-main in the United States, and few craftsmen familiar with 19th-century pianos are alive.

"In the 19th century, the piano was the most important piece of furniture in the home," said Kalman Detrich, the founder. A piano might cost a year's savings, he said, but was "a symbol of success and of a family's values.

Detrich, who sells pianos next door, founded the museum in 1984 to expand and share his private collection with a wider audience. About 20 pianos built between 1790 and 1940 are on display.

Laurence Libin, curator of musical instruments at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, said, "In glad there is a museum devoted to the piano. It's an important part of our culture that needs to be preserved and understood." The Met has several dozen as

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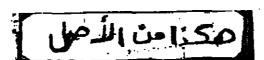
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Czechoslovakia

Economic Restructuring to Be Completed by 1991



Milos Jakes, general secretary of the Communist Party Central Committee.

In December of last year the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party adopted a resolution on "Complex Restructuring of Economic Mechanism and its Safeguarding," a cumbersome title that belied the efficiency with which changes were being made. Less than four months later there were major shifts in the government of Prime Minister Lubomir Strougal's key

The reformers went into action

Czechoslovakian "prestavba" — which officially began at the end of 1987 — is slightly different from Russian "perestroika" although both mean restructuring, less ideological euphoria and more realism.

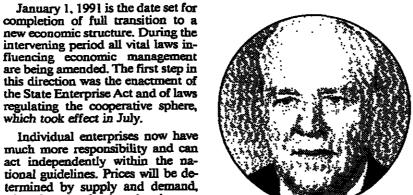
too swiftly for certain Party theorists, prompting General Secretary Milos Jakes to announce that a gentle brake would be applied to the reforming zeal. A new Prime Minister was appointed, the 62-year-old Ladislav Adamec, who appears to favor planning from the center.

As Jaromir Matejka, deputy-secretary for planning in the Government Council for Management of the National Economy, explained: 'An efficient central administration remains a necessity. This has been proved recently by developments in Yugoslavia and Poland. If things are not kept in hand there will be unpleasant consequences."

There was no disputing the fundamental need for economic reform in Czechoslovakia. Seventy years after the foundation of an independent republic and 40 years after the "Victorious February" which brought the Communist Party to prises entitled to deal directly with customers abroad. Profits will be taxed but only after due allowance has been made for additional social

benefits for the work force.

A further loosening of the still rigid economic structure will be permitted in the field of arts and crafts. Individuals and families will be granted authorization to work privately. The same will apply to a limited extent in the fields of services, restaurants and transports.



Ladislav Adamec, named Prime dies from the state budget. Compe-Minister on October 11, 1988. tition will be encouraged and enter-

A kavarna (café) in central Prague. Academy of Science Transcends Politics

The importance of basic and applied research for all sectors of Czechoslovak society is expressed in the articles of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences (CSAV). A lot of the credit for improvements in the Czechoslovak economy must go to research and development under the auspices of CSAV within the last ten years.

With direct antecedents going back to the eighteenth century Royal Bohemian Society of Sciences, CSAV has its strongest links with parallel institutions in fellow socialist countries, particularly the Soviet Union and Bulgaria. Its president, Academician Josef Riman, is convinced that "knowledge is integral" rather than bound by political divisions. He has purposely been stepping up cooperation with "Western" bodies. Last year alone 16 agreements on international cooperation were in force with the British Royal Society, America's National Academy of Sciences and NASA, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Austria, and research institutes in half a dozen other, mainly West European, countries.

The Academy, based in Prague but with institutes in many parts of the country, pursues an active international cooperation policy on all major projects, such as those organized by the United Nations and the International Council of Scientific Unions. Since it has limited means at its disposal, the policy of CSAV is to concentrate on fields where there is the most chance of success. These currently include environmental research, the forecasting of global changes, and a study of the effects of science and technology in general on human health and the overall quality of life.

Another promising field in which export licenses have been booming is plasma physics technology, which is of great significance for the future of thermonuclear hydrophilic gels, above all for soft contact lenses. Even today, more than 20 years after their synthesis by the Czech chemist Otto Wichterle, the gels offer a wide range of possibilities for use in human medicine and for fur-

Opening the Foreign Trade Doors Wider

Change has been sweeping through the Federal Ministry of Foreign Trade. In common with all central bodies, the ministry has had to make staffing cuts of nearly 30 percent; 160 staff posts (out of a total of 580) have so far been relocated this year.

Jan Sterba, the minister, managed the move so skillfully there were no protests. The mood now is one of efficiency. Mr. Sterba's press spokesman, Jindrich Lacko, explained the immediate objective as "helping to make the [Czechoslovak] economy more penetrable."

Although the terms of trade are steadily becoming more favorable,

Forty years after the establishment of a monopoly in foreign trade, it was acknowledged that international and internal political changes demanded revision of the external economic policy.

there is no time to be lost. With the rapid approach of the integrated European market, Czechoslovakia is too small to negotiate with Brussels on its own. It must nonetheless be in a position to support a joint approach via the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA). At present Czechoslovakia's for-

eign trade turnover is mainly with the CMEA. More than three-quar-

ters of all foreign trade is done with the Soviet Union and other socialist countries, while only one-sixth is with developed capitalist countries. Czechoslovakia's main strengths heavy machinery, engineering and means of transport - are seriously underrepresented. Mr. Lacko sees elements of unfair discrimination in this situation. COCOM regulations hinder Czechoslovakia's access to

power, the country's gross national

product was stagnating. "If we had

gone on this way," said Mr. Ma-

tejka, "it would have led to a major

depression, with inevitable political

with phased reductions in what are

now regarded as undesirable subsi-

and social implications."

some top-quality products, which is felt to be incompatible with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). On the other hand, absence of a most-favored-nation clause is unjustly linked, as Prague sees it, to political considerations.

"We would be ready to do a lot more business with the United States," says Mr. Lacko, "but commercial cooperation is being blocked in many branches." The current wave of reform in foreign trade includes expanding the field of enterprises entitled to do business abroad and the possibility of joint ventures with foreign companies, such as one begun between the national tourist agency Cedok and the Austrian contractors Warim-



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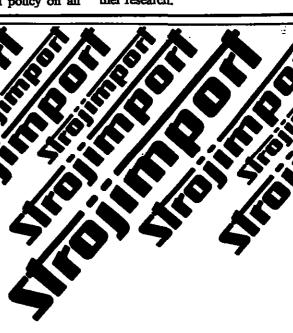
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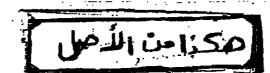
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Tourist Trade Gathers Momentum

Nowhere is the mood of renewal in the Czechoslovak economy more apparent than in the field of tourism. Since the beginning of the year, more and more Czechs and Slovaks are traveling abroad to "hard-currency" countries. At the same time, gargantuan efforts are being made to improve facilities in the main Czechoslovak tourist sites.

seven years. One four-star Forum hotel (527 rooms) was opened this summer next to the Prague Palace of Culture; another (with 222 rooms) is scheduled to go into service early next year in the center of the Slovak capital, Bratislava.

On-the-spot issuing of visas at frontier posts and at Prague Airport after January 1, 1989 should make traveling to Czechoslovakia much simpler. Reforms of the confusing two-tier currency exchange rate are also under way.

This basic reassessment of tourist needs has been undertaken, accord- had 15 million tourists from the

In "Golden" Prague, luxury hotel facilities are being built to double the number of beds within the next because the existing policy had been because the existing policy had been found inadequate. Ever since the 1950s the focus had been on "social tourism" with little concern for the commercial aspects of the trade. It was laudable to make spas such as Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad) and Marianske Lazne (Marienbad) available to cooperative groups, but the potential for raising hard currency was thus lost. This is all being changed now and in Karlovy Vary, for in-stance, a gambling casino has been

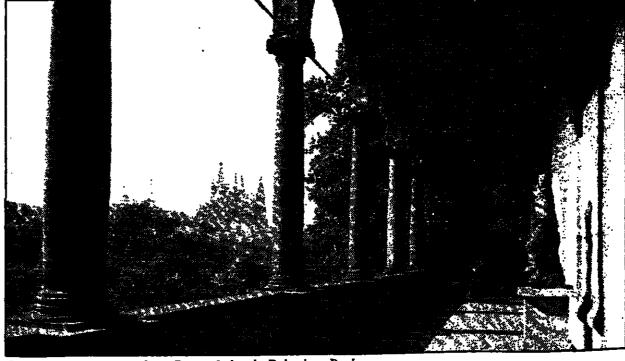
> gory of visitors. Whereas in 1987 Czechoslovakia

installed to attract a different cate-

socialist countries of Eastern Europe, only one tenth that number came from Western Europe and overseas. The aim is to achieve a more even balance and make it easier (or Czechoslovak citizens to travel abroad; the demand currently is high but currency allocations are

Jan Kolarik, senior vice-president of Cedok Travel and Hotel Corporation, the country's most active travel bureau with more than 20,000 employees, sees the need for a much more flexible pricing policy in the Czechoslovak tourist trade. Joint ventures are increasingly important, he thinks, with the assurance for investors of speedy returns on the capital they put into hotel building and other projects. Innovative and untraditional ideas are at a premium. Marketing strategies for the future must incorporate forwardlooking technologies and equipment.

A great potential for expansion exists in the Slovak Republic where, in addition to the historic city of Bratislava on the Danube, the High



Hradcany Castle seen from Prague's lovely Belvedere Park.

CZECHDSLDVAK AIRLINES

Tatra mountains (Vysoke Tatry) represent one of the best winter sports and hunting districts in Centràl Europe.

Prague remains the great attraction, though, for all visitors to Czechoslovakia, and this year, for the first time, in addition to all the

regular artistic and musical attractions, a Christmas street fair will be staged (from December 20 to 24) in Old Town.

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Technological Renewal Activating the Capital

Czechoslovakia's most important branch of industry is engineering and electrotechnology, which employs 1.3 million people or almost 40 percent of the country's total industrial work force. It is widely felt that restructuring of the sector is necessary.

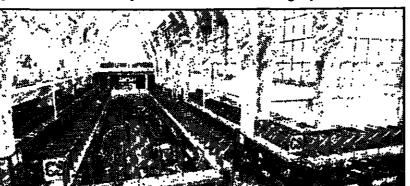
ments were merged into one Feder-al Ministry of Metallurgy. Engi-new-generation Voronezh reactor neering and Electronics. The new by the addition of as yet undisbody symbolizes the turnaround in industrial thinking that is sweeping through the capital. In the fields of metallurgy and machine-tool construction the priority is to limit dependence on raw materials and to reduce the amount of the energy consumed by antiquated production methods. These are leading increasingly to reduced competitiveness for Czechoslovak products on world markets. Ministry officials are fully aware, however, that several years will be needed for completion of this process.

Nuclear power is seen as an essential element. Much capital has been invested in the construction of nuclear plants with VVER 440 reactors incorporating exceptional safety precautions. Now work is progressing on production of components for VVER 1000-type reactors and on radioactive waste disposal through "calcination." The Skoda-Plzen Engineering Works

In spring this year three Depart- makes use of the services of Soviet

dow for Czechoslovak industry is the Engineering Fair held every September in Brno, the capital of Moravia. The springtime version of the Brno Fair emphasizes consumer goods and will be an opportunity to present the latest addition to the Skoda Motorcar Division production range. Italy and West Germany contributed to the design of this 'Favorit" family salon.

This willingness to look abroad for innovative technology is being encouraged by the new three-in-one Ministry in Prague. Many sorts of turn-key installations from Czechoslovakia are big export hits. There is



Brno's well attended Engineering Fair pavilion.

closed security factors in the encasement and the cooling system. Some of these features are being incorporated in the existing Czechoslovak nuclear power station at Bohunice and in the next one already at an advanced stage of construction in Temelin.

The most important shop-win-

hardly a country in the world, for instance, without a Czechoslovak brewery plant, but when the need arises to automate production the control systems supplied simply do not meet requirements and have to be replaced. Whence Czechoslovakia's all-out drive to attract Western technology.

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Bohemian Crystal: Fragile Art Endures

The eighteenth century downtown castle in Liberec, the north Bohemian cultural metropolis, clearly has a destiny — as a mecca for glass lovers.

Forty-year-old GLASS- as in Moravia in the EXPORT, one of Czecho- southwest of the country. slovakia's most successful foreign trade organizations, has made the building its headquarters. Buyers from all over the world flock here on pilgrimages to inspect the showrooms of this "Glass Castle" and the display of over 25,000 items from all

over Czechoslovakia. The samples intended for export cover the whole range of glass made in



Bohemian lead-crystal glass from Liberec.

Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia. Hand-blown lead crystal, soda-lime pressed glass, laboratory and technical containers, household flat-glass, and optical fibers for hightech applications are all exhibited here.

The Bohemian glassmaking tradition, going back 600 years, still represents a major attraction in the country in spite of the contemporary re-cycle or throw-away attitude toward this commodity.

Nowadays there is considerable competition among the country's artists specializing in decorative and everyday glass. Intricately faceted carvings are still being produced in Bohemia, as well

while more modern lines are favored by manufacturers in the eastern states of Slovakia. North of Liberec to-

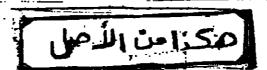
ward the Polish border

are the Harrachov Glassworks. In constant production on the same spot for over 275 years, it uses the same basic techniques as in the early days for delicate hand-blown glassware. Today the kilns are heated by gas rather than wood in this region of rapidly diminishing forest near the Krknose mountains.

The Harrachov Glass-

works introduced the system of self-financing last year as soon as it was permitted and a spirit of teamwork is evident. There is some uncertainty about what the most recent economic reforms will bring but the glassblowers in Harrachov remain optimistic. Theirs is a skilled trade which will surely survive the winds of change.





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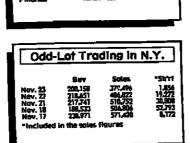
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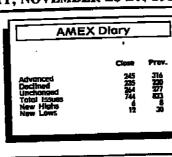
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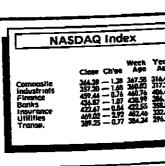


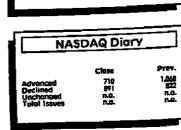
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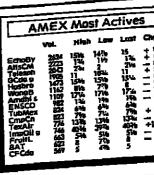
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NYSE Lower in Slow Trading

NYSE Diary

NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed broadly lower Friday in the slowest trading session of the year, as economic concerns gave investors an excuse not to return to the market after the Thanksgiving Day

The Dow Jones industrial average, which had risen 14.58 points on Wednesday, fell 17.60 to close at 2,074.68. For the week, however, the 30stock index gained 12.27 points.

Declines led advances by about a 7-5 ratio. Volume was a 72.09 million shares, down from 112.01 million on Wednesday.

Broader market indexes also declined. The NYSE composite index fell 0.78 to close at 150.63. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 1.77 to close at 267.23. The price of an average share lost 16 cents.

Analysts said the market was shaken by rising oil prices and the prospect of inflation as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries neared agreement on a new production quota. Falling bond prices also caused nervousness. Ricky Harrington, technical analyst with In-

terstate Securities Corp. in Charlotte, North Carolina, said that while oil stocks have rallied this week on news of the prospective OPEC production cuts, a continuation of such activity was doubtful because such accords were often quickly violated. Mr. Harrington said the market's decline was also a continuation of an earlier drop in share prices in London, which followed the release of

data showing a sharp rise in the British current account deficit for October. Britain immediately raised its commercial ending rates Friday by 1 percentage point to 13

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percent, sparking fears that the United States might soon follow suit.

Trude Latimer, an analyst with Josephthal & Co. said that the increase in British interest rates would probably force the Federal Reserve

to increase the discount rate.

Both Mr. Latimer and Mr. Harrington said concern over the dollar's weakness and the U.S. trade and budget deficits also were weighing on

Mr. Harrington added, however, that any move in prices Friday was likely to be magnified by low participation after the Thanksgiving Day holiday on Thursday.

Texas Utilities was the most active issue, hanged at 28%.

AT&T Co. followed, unchanged at 2914. RJR Nabisco was third, up 114 to 88. Among blue chips, General Electric was off % to 4314, General Motors was off % to 8214 and Sears was off 1/2 to 391/2.

Among takeover-related issues, Interco was up % to 68% and San Diego Gas & Electric was up 11/4 to 381/2. The utility received a sweetened takeover offer from SCE Corp. earlier this

In the oil sector, Phillips Petroleum was up % to 20%, Texaco up % to 46%, Mobil up 1 to 43%, Amerada Hess up 1 to 30% and Chevron up 1 to 45%. Among airline stocks, which would pay higher fuel costs if less oil were produced, AMR was off 1/2 to 49% and Delta was off % to 47. Stock prices closed higher in slow trading on the American Stock Exchange, helped by a rise

in the oil issues. The Amex market value index rose 1.10 to close at 291.19. The price of an average share gained 4 cents. Advances narrowly led declines.

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Deadlock Over U.S. Budget Can Only Hurt the Market

By LEONARD SILK New York Times Service

EW YORK -A deadlock between the Bush administration and Congress looms on how to cut the budget deficit. James C. Miller 3d, until recently President Ronald Reagan's director of the Office of Management and Budget and a veteran of budgetary battles, expects the deadlock to last until September, the end of the current fiscal year. If that happens, it will make 1989 a harrowing year for the financial markets.

President elect George Bush said this week that he would open budget negotiations with Congress on his first day in office. But Mr. Bush reaffirmed his commitment not to raise taxes. He continues to declare that the American people voted One prediction is a

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against having their taxes increased. The Democratic majority in Congress will not take the ini-

fiative of proposing a tax in-crease, which they would expect Mr. Bush to veto and which they probably could not override. They will vote for raising taxes only if Mr. Bush takes the initiative and does not try

to fix the blame on them. Without a tax increase, the job of bringing down the budget deficit to \$100 billion in 1990, required by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law, looks impossible. Mr. Miller believes that Mr. Bush, unlike Mr. Reagan, would stand still for "sequestering" of excess expenditures, half out of military spending and half out of civilian spending.

This would not displease many conservatives, like Mr. Miller, who have long regarded tax cuts and the budget deficit itself as powerful instruments for forcing reductions in the size and role of

Mr. Miller has become a Distinguished Fellow of Citizens for a Sound Economy, a public-interest lobby that says it has 250,000 members "pledged to prevent further tax increases on their hard-carned dollars and to protect their economic freedoms and the freedoms of a productive and competitive marketplace."

F MR BUSH sticks to his no-tax-increase line, as seems probable, the battle over which expenditures to cut is likely to produce the stalemate Mr. Miller expects, given the huge size of the cuts required and the differences between Republicans and Democrats over priorities.

The task of negotiating compromises with Congress on spending will fall, first and foremost, to Richard G. Darman, chosen by Mr. Bush as his budget director. Mr. Bush promised that he himself would take a hand in the negotiations with Congress.

Some leading political experts, led by Gerald R. Ford and Jimmy Carter, have been trying to persuade Mr. Bush that achieving a budget solution, which they regard as urgent, will be impossible unless both revenues and taxes are on the table. That was also the conclusion reached this week by a bipartisan

group of political and civic leaders, economists, national security experts and others after three days of discussions at the 75th American Assembly in Harriman, New York. This group was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to bring together viell-informed Americans in an effort to reach a consensus on critical issues.

It said, "The most urgent economic problem facing the new administration is reducing the deficit in the (ederal budget. This is crucial for stabilizing financial markets throughout the world and setting the United States on a course for regaining equilibrium in its external trade and payments and thereby reducing its heavy and growing dependence on foreign borrowing. . The assembly rejected the contention of Mr. Bush and his

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China and South Korea Are Moving Closer, Unofficially

By Nicholas D. Kristof

New York Times Service
BELIING — Chinese maps still show a single Korea, with its capital in the north. But mapmakers and nearly everyone else in China are very conscious of Seoul and the rest of South Korea.

Although China and South Korea do not have diplomatic relations, their informal relations, while largely unacknowl-

edged, are growing rapidly.

Trade is booming and investment is rising sharply. Ships are moving cargoes between the two countries and business executives and economists are exchang-2 visits Trade between China and South Korea

will total \$3 billion to \$4 billion this year,

about double last year's level, and far more than the \$513 million in 1987 trade

between China and North Korea, economists have estimated.

Most of the trade is indirect, through Hong Kong and Japan. But Korean and Chinese sources say some South Korean ships flying Panamanian or Liberian flags go directly from the Korean ports of Pusan or Inchon to the Chinese ports of Tianjin, Lianyungang or Dalian.
Yet the relationships remain notably

unofficial. Behind an unmarked door in Beijing's Jianguo Hotel, for example, South Korea's Daewoo Group has been operating an unofficial office since July.

It was set up as a vanguard for an operation that could include substantial

investments in Chinese industry. This summer Daewoo opened a fac-

tory in Fujian Province that will produce

out 100,000 refrigerators a year. Its out-put is expected to double next year. Daewoo also is considering another refrigerator factory of the same size in Shandong Province, as well as two large lactories to make refrigerator compres-

In addition, the group would like to invest at least \$1 billion in a plant that would produce more than 300,000 auto-mobiles a year, said Willie K. Park, who heads the Daewoo office in Beijing. Among other projects Daewoo is con-sidering, he said, are a giant petrochemi-

Nearby, at the Beijing Hotel, a South Korean rival, Samsung Group, has opened its unofficial outpost. Both companies' offices are staffed by

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Wrigley has introduced several brands since 1892, but its

fortune has been built on three popular flavors: Spearmint, top, in its 1915 packagee; Juicy Fruit, in an ad from 1970, and Doublemint, in the five-stick package introduced last year.

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Korean-Americans who hold U.S. pass-ports and nominally represent Hong Kong companies that are actually units of Daewoo or Samsung. Investments also are made in the name of Hong Kong or U.S. subsidiaries.

A survey by the Federation of Korean Industries has suggested that 75 percent of South Korea's large companies are interested in investing in China.

The blossoming relationships are something of an embarrassment for the Chinese government, which refuses to recognize South Korea and speaks glowingly of its friendship with Communist

But North Korea has been closer to the Soviet Union than to China, and in the last decade China has appeared exasperated by North Korea's reluctance to liberalize its economy as well as its foreign

relations. "The Chinese South Korean relationship is developing very rapidly, especially in trade and maybe in sports and academic exchanges," said a Japanese diplomat in Beijing, "But in politics I think China will continue to pursue this very

prudently. Although China has not allowed South Korea to open a trade office in Beijing, it has proposed that South Korea and China's Shandong Province open reciprocal trade offices.

The Koreans have not yet formally accepted the idea.

So far, China has designated only Shandong to do business with South Ko-

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Harrods Inquiry Declined

Case Will Not Go To Mergers Panel

LONDON — The government said Friday that it would not ask the mergers commission to exam-ine the 1985 takeover of Harrods department store by three Egyp-tian-born brothers despite highly publicized calls for an investigation by a top British industrialist. The takeover fight for House of Fraser PLC, which owns the presti-

Analysts see a possible bid for Lourho by Bond Corp. Page 13.

gious Harrods store, pitted the Fayed brothers against Roland W. (Tiny) Rowland, head of Lonrho PLC. When Mr. Rowland failed to win the bid, he called on the government to investigate the financing of the Fayeds' purchase of the

The government added in its statement Friday that a long-awaited report by government inspectors on the takeover would not be pub-lished until the Serious Frand Office, which is headed by the police, had completed its study of the case.

The Department of Trade said that the government report con-tained previously undisclosed facts about the takeover and that there might be further action.

It said that Lord Young, the trade and industry secretary, had Monopolies and Mergers Commission would not be appropriate." A spokesman for the Serious

Fraud Office said: "We are investigating various allegations." A director at Lonrho, Paul Spicer, said the government decision would allow the Faveds to

remain owners of House of Fraser. "To us it seems like a major cover-up," he said. Mr. Rowland charged that the

brothers had been helped in win-ning the bid for House of Fraser with financing from the Sultan of Brunei, a charge the Fayeds have denied. Still, Mr. Rowland continued a public campaign to force the government to open an inquiry. In an appeals court Friday,

Lourho was given permission to challenge Lord Young's refusal to immediately publish the inspectors' report. Lonrho, which has interests

ranging from mining to hotels, originally bid for House of Fraser and built up a 29.9 percent stake. But this was blocked by the mergers commission and the company sold off its stake to the Fayeds, who made a bid and won control.

Wrigley Doubles Investor Pleasure

Eschewing Diversification, It Sticks to Chewing Gum

By Eric N. Berg New York Times Service CHICAGO — Compared with other food companies, William Wrigley Jr. Co. seems a throwback. Yet it is among the most successful companies in the

At a time when giant food con-glomerates are being formed through mergers, Wrigley continues to make one product: chewing gum. In an age when billions of dollars of debt are being heaped on food compa-nies' balance sheets, Wrigley is virtually debt-free.

Some investment professionals consider the company out-

right boring.
"Wrigley is not a sexy company, and it never will be," said Harvey Eisen, president of Integrated Resources Asset Management, a firm with more than \$5 billion under management. There is, however, nothing dull about Wrigley's results.

Quarter after quarter, the company that brought America the Doublemint Twins and the ad line "Double Your Pleasure, Double Your Fun" has reported steadily increasing revenues and profits. In fact, Wrigley's ability to produce consistently positive results — and to pay sharehold-ers a dividend — has earned it a reputation among analysts as one of the best-run companies in

the United States. Net income for 1987 was \$70.1 million, about double the \$35.8 million of 1982. Earnings will rise again this year, to about \$85 million, analysts are estimating. Return on equity has jumped to 23.9 percent in 1987, from 14.6 percent in 1982, and analysts expect it to exceed 30 percent this

Wrigley's 17.5 percent return on assets is more than most companies earn on their equity. And Wrigley's market share, long at the top of the \$2.5 billion gum market, has risen to 46.5 percent, from 39.5 percent in 1980, industry surveys report.
"It's a classic textbook exam-

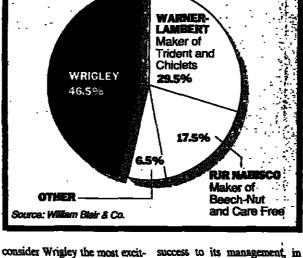
ple of, by our definition, the type of company we are looking for," Mr. Eisen said. "Wrigley is the opposite of two guys from New York wearing \$3,000 suits trying to decide how to carve up the world."

Wrigley's introduction of dozens of new gum flavors in recent years is a prime example of what marketing experts call "line ex-tension" — modifying an existing product slightly to develop, in effect, an entirely new product. And Wrigley's efforts to ex-pand the market for gum in the face of weak demand demonstrate how a company can emerge a winner, even in a mature market.

Even though analysts may not

As of July 31.

The Gum Market



ing of companies, its shares do attract buyers.

Wrigley's stock fell as low as \$19.50 in late October 1987 after the market's crash but it had climbed as high as \$41 by early January. The stock has since retreated, and closed Wednesday at \$36.375, down 25 cents, on the New York Stock Exchange.
Analysts attribute Wrigley's

particular, to William Wrigley, 55, president and chief executi since 1961 and grandson of William Wrigley Jr., who founded the company in 1892. A quiet man who shuns pub-

licity - he and other company

officials declined to be interviewed for this article - Mr. See WRIGLEY, Page 13

Fiat Cars Chief **Quits in Dispute** With Agnelli

TURIN — Vittorio Ghidella, credited with rescuing Fiat's auto division from the verge of collapse in the late 1970s, is resigning as chief executive of the auto group, Fiat said on Friday.

Fiat SpA, the biggest private in-dustrial group in Italy, said Mr. Ghidella, who headed the auto division for a decade, would leave the group by the end of the year.

Giovanni Agnelli, the chairman of Fiat, was quoted by a company spokesman as saying that Mr. Ghi-della's resignation resulted from a conflict over the "interpretation of the role of Fiat Auto within the

Fiat group."
According to the spokesman,
Mr. Agnelli told senior managers:
"For Ghidella, an anto-centered vision is prevalent. For me, Fiat is an industrial holding and the manage ment of all the activities of the group have to remain in the same bolding."

Mr. Ghidella's resignation follows rumors in the Milan stock market that he may join General Motors Corp. the U.S. automaker. According to recent press re-ports, Mr. Ghidella was in conflict with Fiat's group managing direc-tor, Cesare Romiti.

The company said Mr. Romiti would be nominated at the next board meeting to take Mr. Ghidella's place in addition to his present

Romiti will not have an easy task." Mr. Agnelli was quoted as saying. "Although he is taking over a healthy Fiat Auto, the future will be marked by fierce competition After the announcement of Mr. Ghidella's resignation, Fiat stock fell to 9,800 lire (\$7.65), down 90

lire, on the Milan exchange. Mr. Ghidella, 57, who was also chairman of the Fiat-controlled sports carmaker Ferrari, was a major force behind the company's climb to the top of the European

Analysts generally reacted nega-tively to the news of Mr. Ghidella's resignation.

"I don't think it's very good for Fiat," said Pieter Houting, analyst at McCaughan Dyson Capel Cure in London. "I don't think Romiti is the proven man for Fiat cars."

Mr. Ghidella was appointed managing director of Fiat Auto in 1979, when the company was plagued by a large deficit and by severe labor unrest. Along with Mr. Romiti, he mas-

terminded a reorganization of the anto division, which included massive layoffs, and achieved a major



Vittorio Ghidella

Mr. Ghidella spearheaded development of Fiat's Uno - the bestselling small car in Europe — and its new medium-size Tipo model. launched in early 1988. Mr. Ghidella is also credited

with having helped to turn around the once struggling sports carmak-er Alfa Romeo, which Fiat bought from the government in 1986 after outbidding Ford Motor Co. Mr. Ghidella had a pivetal role

in the failed 1984-1985 talks between Ford and Fiat aimed at merging their European car operations. Company officials said later that Mr. Ghidella probably would have headed the new company. Company insiders describe Mr.

Ghidella as a brilliant, soft-spoken engineer. Under his guidance Fiat swiftly introduced automation into its car plants. Mr. Ghidelia, who first worked

for Fiat as an engineer from 1956 to 1963, rejoined in 1978 as directorgeneral of the newly created Fiat Auto SpA unit. Shortly afterward. he was named the chief executive of Fiat Auto.

Fiat's auto division reported 1987 sales of 22.14 trillion lire — more than double the 1981 level and up from 16.38 trillion lire in

Fiat's booming profits in the anto sector propelled Mr. Ghidella into the industrial limelight and he was considered a rising management star within Fial. In December 1986, Mr. Agnelli

named Mr. Ghidella to Fiat's board. But observers say Mr. Ghidella may have become frustrated because of slim chances of rising further on the Fiat corporate lad-

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Qantas and BA Bidding For Air New Zealand

Some analysts estimate the book _ The executive director of DFC. value of Air New Zealand to be Keith Sutton, said BA and EIE about 700 million New Zealand would take as much as 35 percent dollars (\$450 million), but others of the share capital, with DFC bid-say the airline could go for as much ding for the balance. as I billion dollars.

Brierley Investments Ltd., New Zealand's fourth largest company by market capitalization. The two partners said Brierley

would hold not less than 35 percent of the shares. As stipulated by the government, at least 30 percent would be available for issue to the New Zealand public and the staff of Air New

Zealand, they said. Qantas had tendered for 19.9 cent, with "other overseas airine industry participants" between them bidding for 15 percent.

"Accordingly, under the bid, the total overseas shareholding will not exceed 35 percent," the partners stake to the Australian flag-carrier said. "The as yet unnamed overseas participants will likely be identified Zealand-led consortium had mounted a late bid for a 60 percent ithin the next few days." The 35 percent ceiling for foreign

investment was another govern-

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The group headed by British Air-— Qantas Airways Ltd. of Australia and British Airways PLC announced rival bids Friday for as DFC New Zealand Ltd. and the much as 100 percent of Air New Japanese tourism investment firm Zealand.

5 I billion dollars.

Qantas's consortium includes

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its holding available to Air New Zealand staff and local investors. Friday was the final day for

tenders, but the Treasury, which is

handling the sale, would not disclose the number received. In an earlier tendering process, Qantas, BA, EIE and Brierley were reported to have bid separately for 25 percent to 35 percent of the fully state-owned international and do-

mestic carrier. During that process, the New Zealand government announced that Qantas had been accorded "preferred bidder" status. But last month, it ended plans to sell the amid media reports that a New

It said new tenders would b ment requirement, to avoid jeopar-dizing Air New Zealand's bilateral New Zealand.

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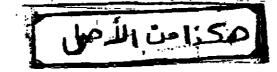
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East-West Trade Grows, But UN Fears Slowdown

GENEVA — Trade between the Soviet bloc and the West has picked up in 1988 after flag-ging for four years but future prospects are uncertain, economists at the United Nations

said Thursday.

Soviet exports to the West rose 12 percent in volume in the first half of the year while sales to the East increased 10 percent, the UN Economssion for Europe reported.

Moscow's six East European partners — Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Romania — increased sales to the West by 6 percent in the same period. But their imports remained slow, according to the commission's annual Economic Bulletin for Eu-

The 34-nation commission, which groups all European nations plus the United States and Canada, attributed the growth in trade to im-

proved international relations and economic reforms in the Communist countries.

These have led to a flurry of contracts, negotiations and agreements among governments and business firms, it said.

But continued expansion of East European exports was uncertain because of a number of underlying constraints, including weakening prices for Soviet bloc oil exports and efforts to

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GDP in France Climbed 0.8% in the 3d Quarter

rose 0.8 percent in the third quarter from the back on wheat imports. previous three months, the official statistics institute, INSEE, said Friday. That is a marked improvement from the re-vised 0.4 percent GDP growth recorded in the

second quarter. GDP measures the value of a nation's goods and services excluding income from foreign investments.

The third-quarter figure is in line with IN-SEE's projections for a 3.5 percent rise in GDP

for the whole year.
INSEE said the third-quarter growth was due largely to a recovery in household consumption, which rose 1.8 percent in the July-September period after stagnating in the second quarter.
All sectors of the manufacturing industry bene-

fited from the consumption boom. Automobile sales jumped 8.4 percent. The trade balance continued to deteriorate in the third quarter, with imports, at 2.3 percent, rising faster than exports, at 1.1 percent.

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Soviet buying could be further boosted if market talk proves correct and Moscow renews grain purchase agreement with the United a grain purchase agreement with the Omteu States in talks that market sources believe may be held early next week, traders added.

They suggested that Soviet imports this season could be the highest since 1984-85, when a

poor harvest forced Moscow to import a record 56 million metric tons of grain. "The way the Soviets have started to buy corn

"The way the Soviets have started to buy corn this season they must buy more feed grains than last and push imports toward 35 million tons," a trader based in Geneva said.

Earlier this month, the International Wheat Council in London, in line with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, estimated Soviet imports for 1988-89 at 31 million tons, compared with 33 million tons in the previous season.

But with aggressive Soviet buying of grains for livestock feed, European traders think these estimates may be too low.

One trader in Britain said Soviet imports this season were likely to be around 35 million tons and could go as high as 40 million.

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There is a growing belief among European traders that the Soviet Union will shift the bulk of this season's imports toward coarse grains PARIS — France's gross domestic product | such as corn, barley, sorghum and oats, and cut

The reason for this shift is that while this mmer's Soviet wheat crop was described by some as "reasonable," the coarse gram harvest appears to be headed for its lowest levels in

"This year the emphasis will be definitely on coarse grains because of low production," said Bill De Maria, a senior economist at the Inter-national Wheat Council. He added these would be needed for the Soviet Union to maintain its

livestock program.

President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is eager to provide more meat for Soviet consumers under

his economic reform program.

In an aggressive buying spree, Moscow has bought 5.92 million tons of U.S. com since September and 500,000 tons of U.S. sorghum. The Soviet Union has also been buying about two million tons of feed barley from the Euro-

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Nabisco Sells Unit

In U.K. to Ranks

LONDON — Ranks Hovis McDougall PLC, the British foods group, said Friday that it had ac-quired the British breakfast cereal business of RJR Nabisco Inc. for £80 million (\$148 million).

The company said it was acquiring the unit through a wholly owned subsidiary, RHM Foods Ltd. The deal included the trademarks and assets of the Nabisco business, along with the right to use

RJR Nabisco said it had decided to sell the British unit several months ago.

Carnival to Buy **Holland Units**

MIAMI — Carnival Cruise Lines Inc. said Friday that it had reached an agreement in principle to purchase the travel and tourism activities of Holland America Line

The company said that it had signed a letter of intent to purchase the cruise, hotel and land tour businesses for about \$625 million and that it expected to close the transaction by Jan. 15.

Caisse du Québec Snubs Inco Plan For Poison Pill

MONTREAL — Caisse de Dépôt & Placement du Quebec said Friday it would vote against a controversial plan by Inco Ltd., the Canadian nickel mining giant, to pay a \$1.05 billion dividend if shareholders adopted a poison pill to protect it from any takeover.

The caisse, a Moutreal-based pension fund manager that owns about 3 percent of Inco's shares outstanding, is the first major shareholder to indicate it would vote against the recapitalization plan.

Critics of the plan charge that Inco is attempting to bribe share-holders because its special dividend would not be paid unless the poison pill plan is approved.

"The causse opposes the transfer from the shareholder to the board its cereals technology throughout of directors and the company's senior management of the right to decide on the choice of an eventual buyer and the assessment of a company's value," the caisse said in a

Bond Sells Hong Kong TV Holdings

Analysts See U.K. Takeover Plan Behind Asset Disposal

MELBOURNE — Bond Corp. International Ltd. said Friday that is had sold its Hong Kong televi-sion holdings for 2.01 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$257 million).

Bond International, Bond Corp. Holdings' Hong Kong-listed sub-sidiary, sold its 30 percent stakes in

HK-TVB Ltd. and Television HK-TVB Ltd. and Television Peter Lucas, managing director of Bond International Ltd., said the Nien of Singapore.

Analysis said the selling of the reduce the debt of Alan Bond's global empire, could mean that Mr. Bond was preparing for a takeover Strike in Britain. Mr. Bond has declined comment on speculation that he plans to bid for Lonrho PLC or Allied-Lyons PLC, or both. Logic would have it that Bond aceds to generate cash very, very quickly," said Malcolm Surry, a

director at C.F. Alexander & on Oct. 25 that it planned to buy

for HK-TVB and 14.30 dollars a of 2.20 dollars a share. The transacshare for Television Broadcasts. tion would cost the Australian par-Bond said the sale was subject to ent about \$120 million. shareholder approval, which would

struck after 24 hours of talks with Hong Kong's Shangri-La Hotel. The Kuok family has extensive hotel and shipping interests.

Mr. Lucas said Bond Corp. the Hong Kong unit.

Saga Board Rejects Offer By Total to Increase Stake

OSLO — The board or saga retroleum A/S. Norway's biggest unit for Saga, despite a unanimous decision by Saga's board to block that it had unanimously that it had unanimously the bid, a Total spokesman said.

"The board's decision is a first the shareholders Française des Petroles to boost its

the company is neither in the interests of the company nor of the shareholders." the board said in a statement after a board meeting.
"The decision was unanimous."

competence of an integrated com-The fact that the decision was pany involved in all aspects of the lars, judging by recent property unanimous made it most unlikely that an extraordinary shareholders' meeting, called for Dec. 15, will overturn the decision.

Saga's board had to decide whether to change the company riles on limits to foreign owner-ship, which would have allowed the Total bid to go ahead.

Total's Norwegian unit, Total
Marine Norsk A/S, which already holds 5 percent in Saga, had of-G Hered 959 million kroner (\$148 million) for another 30 percent. It had agreed to buy the stake from two Rorwegian shareholders, 10 perbleent from Den norske Creditbank and 20 percent from the offshore Eland engineering company Aker

Industry analysts in Oslo said that Norsk Hydro. Norway's state-Econtrolled energy, metals and fer-"ulizer group, is likely to step in with ^{Da}lower price.

Cruickshank The offer was 1.50 dollars a share

meeting on Dec. 14.

sale of the stake in TVB had been

would make a profit of 214 million dollars on the sale but added that it did not plan to raise its offer to minority shareholders to privatize

Bond International announced

In Paris, Total said it was main-taining the bid by its Norwegian unit for Saga, despite a unanimous

step. It's now for the shareholders stake in Saga. to decide," he said. "The solution that a to decide," he said. The solution that we contemplate for Saga is the majority foreign shareholding in best one for its future, and also for its shareholders and employees." Saga would benefit from a connection with Total, which offers the

"signature of a big group" and the

oil business, he said.

out minority interests holding 34 percent of its capital with an offer

Analysts said news of the TVB be sought at an extraordinary sale could make shareholders reluctant to endorse the privatization plan. One broker said the total TVB price of 15.80 dollars a share against a book value of 14.10 dollars meant that Bond International stakes, apparently an attempt to. Mr. Kuok, whose family owns would have to offer at least 2.50 dollars a share to obtain approval

for privatization. Bond has said it wants to privatize because investors in Hong Kong have consistently undervalued its stock since it began trading there two years ago. The stock stood at 1.49 dollars when the 2.20

offer was made. Mr. Lucas declined to comment on rumors that Mr. Bond was ready w go after Lonrho or Allied-Lyons. In September, Bond Corp. raised its stake in Allied-Lyons to 11.08 percent from 7 percent. Two weeks ago it boosted its stake in Lonrho to 20.6 percent. Mr. Lucas said profits from the

sale may be used to reduce the parent company's \$122 million debt on its 30 percent stake in Compañía de Teléfonos de Chile SA and to acquire additional shares in the Santiago-listed company. Mr. Surry said the next step in Bond's cash-raising exercise could

be the sale of its 50 percent stake in the Bond Center office building in Hong Kong. Analysts say the building, valued at 3.5 billion dollars a few months ago, now could be worth 5 billion to 6 billion dol-

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New Capital for Parry Corp.

PERTH, Australia — Hong Kong's Hang Lung Development Co. has injected more than 60 million Australian dollars (\$52.2 million) into the troubled Parry Corp., the Western Australian company said

Parry's chairman, Ken Court, said at a stockholders' meeting that the new capital had boosted the property group's stake in Parry to

more than 68 percent. Hang Lung took a controlling stake in Parry after the diversified Australian company, which has interests in real estate, department stores and mining, suffered buge losses in last year's stock market

Mr. Court said the company planned to change its name. Its chairman and founder, Kevin Parry, was removed from the board of directors in May.

The former high-flying entrepreneur recently started a new busi-

Federal Express Buying Stake in

Japan's Daisei TOKYO - Federal Express

Corp., the courier service, said Friday that it was expanding its Japanese operations by acquiring a majority interest in three subsidiaries of Daisei Co., a trucking company. The company, based in

Memphis, Tennessee, also bought about a 10 percent stake in Daisei itself, a Federal Express spokesman said. The spokesman did not dis-

close the purchase price. Federal Express bought 70 percent stakes in Daisei Shokuhinryutsu Co., Nagoya Daisei Co. and Daisei Air Cargo Co. The units' names will change to Federal Express To-

kyo Corp., Federal Express

Nagoya Corp. and Federal Ex-

press Osaka Corp. John Dauernheim, the Federal Express vice president of international operations and sales for the Pacific, said the purchases would bring the company "more than 80 welltrained employees, some 70 vehicles and seven station facilities to expand our operations in Tokyo, Nagoya and

NTT's Current Profit Falls 14.6%

TOKYO—Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. said Friday that current profit for the six months

ending Sept. 30 fell 14.6 percent from the same period a year earlier riod rose, however, to 2.798 trillion because of cuts in telephone rates, yen, from 2.767 trillion yen. competition and rising depreciation costs.

Current profit, or pretax profit, fell to 170.61 billion yen (\$1.4 billion), from 199.68 billion yen. At the same time, the company

yen, compared with 100.78 billion yen a earlier.

NTT sales for the six-month pe-

The company also revised its forecast for current profit for this vear to 425 billion yen, down from its earlier prediction of 441 billion yen. That compares with 496.74 billion yen for the previous year.

ANZ Reports 32.1% Climb In Net Profit for Fiscal Year

MELBOURNE - Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd. on Friday reported a 31.2 percent increase in net profit to 505.4 mil-

lion Australian dollars (\$437 million) for the year ending Sept. 30. The result, slightly higher than analysts had predicted earlier this month, compares with 385 I million dollars in the previous fiscal

cent to 8.11 billion dollars, the bank said. It also reported that, taking into account extraordinary items, total after-tax profit was 628.9 million dollars, an increase of 57.6 percent.

It added that 61 percent of the

Group income increased 4.4 per-

group's result had come from banking operations in Australia and New Zealand.

ANZ's profit also included solid contributions from South Asia, better results in the Middle East and a turnaround in the performance of Grindlays Holdings PLC, which ANZ acquired in 1984. ANZ Holdings (U.K.) PLC,

which incorporates elements of the Grindlays group, had profit of 48.3 million dollars, compared with a loss of 2.6 million in fiscal 1987. "In general, improved performances reflected a combination of

higher interest margins, an increase in business volumes and improved productivity," the company said in a statement.

reported that net profit was essentially unchanged at 100.71 billion cast of net profit for the year that In addition, it lowered its foreends March 31 to 233 billion yen from its previously projected total of 236 billion. In the 1987-88 fiscal year, the company had net profit of 243.24 billion yen.

The sales forecast for the year was revised as well, to 5.613 trillion yen, down from 5.524 trillion yen, and compared with 5.662 trillion a

Meanwhile, NTT said it would apply to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication next month for permission to cut telephone rates by an average 10 percent, effective in February.

A director at NTT, Koji Oboshi, said rate cuts for telephone calls and radio paging services would decrease the company's annual revenue by 90 billion yen.

He added that inroads by competitors would cut revenue by a further 100 billion yen.

NTT rates for long-distance do-mestic calls of farther than 320 kilometers (198 miles) will be cut by an average 9.9 percent. The company cut the same long-distance rate by 10 percent in February. NTT telephone rates between is-

lands in the same prefecture also will be cut by an average 16.6 percent. The three NTT competitors do not offer island-to-island telephone service.

NTT expects parent earnings per share for the year to be 14,935.90 (AFP. Reuters) yen, compared with 15,592.05.

BMW Increases Holdings in Softlab to 28%

MUNICH - Bayerische Motoren Werke AG said Friday that it had increased its holding in Softlab GmbH. a computer software firm, to 28 percent from 10 percent. The price of the stake was not re-

A spokesman for BMW said the stake in Softlab, which is based in Munich, was bought in September. The West German automaker initially held 10 percent of the firm, and had an option to increase the holding by another 18 percent.

Klaus Neugabauer, an owner of Softlab, said the company would raise its share capital between 5 million Deutsche marks (\$2.9 million) and 10 million DM early next year. Softlab now has nominal capital of 15 million DM.

Mr. Neugabauer said Softlab would finance the capital increase from its equity, issuing bonus shares to stockholders in relation to their current stakes. He said he expected Softlab's sales to rise between 20 and 25 percent this year.

Sales rose 22 percent to 104 million DM in the year ending Sept. 30,

WRIGLEY: Eschewing Any Diversification, the Company Is Sticking to Chewing Gum

Wrigley is described by friends as a

consensus-building executive who manages by committee.

Among Mr. Wrigley's closest advisers is his son. William Wrigley Jr., 25, whose title is assistant to the president and who, analysts say, will someday be the chief executive.

Paul Smucker, a long-time friend of Mr. Wrigley's and chairman of the executive committee at J.M. Smucker Co.. the jam and jelly maker, said of the Wrigley chief. "He's very analytical, and he wouldn't make any decisions without a lot of input."

It was largely Mr. Wrigley, analysts say, who insisted that the company not diversify outside the gum business. The persistent focus on a single type of product is at the top of most analysts' list of the reasons for Wrigley's success.

The strategy has enabled the company to concentrate on productivity gains, lowering its cost of sales, expressed as a percentage of revenues, to 43.3 percent in 1987.

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"If you are thinking chewing gum,

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Fruit, Spearmint and Doublemint

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In recent years, Wrigley has in-

Wrigley also owes a lot of its

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those foundations.

"There are certain brands that are so exemplary that we have diffi-culty conceiving of alternatives,"

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a British research study.

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Quarter after quarter, the company that brought America the Doublemint Twins and the ad line "Double Your Pleasure, Double Your Fun" has reported steadily increasing revenues and profits.

said Sidney Levy, who is the gums with names like Big League cials view foreign sales as an area in Charles H. Kellstadt Distinguished Chew, a shredded bubble gum in a need of additional attention.

Professor of Marketing at North-pouch, and Bubble Tape, six feet of Some people do believe that Wrigley's focus on gum is too narrow and that the company could be even more successful if it moved 1970s, when it introduced Orbit, a into related products like hard cansugarless gum that ran into trouble dies

after its main sweetener, xylitol, "What these guys should do if was judged a possible carcinogen in And, although Wrigley has been trying to improve foreign sales, exports still account for only about one-third of revenues. Gum-chew-

general decline in gum sales. In 1980, sales industrywide began to fall because of a general maturing of the domestic market and because of dentists' concerns that gum chewing promoted tooth de-

William Blair & Co., a brokerage firm based in Chicago, said the number of sticks of gum chewed by the average person declined to about 170 a year in 1984, from 210

Wrigley's response, in 1984, was to introduce Extra, its sugar-free gum sweetened with Nutrasweet instead of the more-bitter-tasting saccharin. Heavy marketing enabled Extra to quickly surpass the No. 2 company in sugar-free gum, RJR Nabisco Inc., which markets

the Care Free brand. More recently, Wrigley has inthey really want to accelerate troduced two new flavors of Extra, growth is come up with more prod- cinnamon and winter fresh, that ucts, like Wrigley mints," said Mr. analysts say could propel Wrigley Eisen of Integrated Resources.

But Wrigley is gum, and it made that point clear in its response to a Trident.

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U.S. Refuses Bail to Greek Banker

BOSTON — A fugitive Greekbanker, indicted in a financial scandal that has rocked the Greek government, was ordered held without bail Friday by a U.S. magistrate. George Koskotas, 34, was arrested by FBI

agents when he arrived in the United States on Wednesday night by private jet and has been sheld since then at a federal jail in the Boston 54. At a Friday morning hearing, his attorney Grasked for his release so that he could help

is prepare a defense against extradition to face l'icharges that he embezzled \$135 million from the Bank of Crete. But Assistant U.S. Attorner Victor A. Wild national repercussions if Mr. Loskotas fled the

United States. Magistrate Joyce Alexander in denying bail, did not say where Mr. Koskots would be held. A hearing to review the matter was scheduled for Wednesday, and Mr. Kiskotas's lawyer, "Ron Leibman of Washington, s again expected

to request bail. Mr. Liebman said Mr. Koslotas had been in Brazil with his wife and five dildren but decided to leave because he belived that Greek Passailants had tracked him down and planned

to kill him and his family. -be Mr. Koskotas fled his horeland on Nov. 6 of after being indicted on five courts of fraud and "embezziement of bank funds. The Koskotas scandal hasembarrassed the

ministers. Opposition conservatives have charged that Mr. Koskotas was allowed to es-

cape so he would not implicate top government officials in illegal financial dealings. In Athens, Argyris Saliarelis, a Greek multimillionaire, was arrested Friday on charges of allegedly smuggling Mr. Koskotas out of the

Mr. Saliarelis, who deals in precious stones and shipping, was taken into custody after he returned from abroad-

Wickes to Sell WCI Unit

The Associated Press SANTA MONICA, California — Wickes Cos. will sell its WCI Financial Corp. subsidiary for about \$300 million to a corporation founded by two company executives, the retail-

ing conglomerate announced Friday.
WCI's president, James E. Neese, and Wickes's vice president and treasurer, Ervin J. Bolks. organized the purchase to be financed by General Electric Capital Corp., a Wickes spokesman said. WCI provides private credit card programs for retail stores with substantial concentration in the furniture industry.

Blackstone Group and Wasserstein, Perella & Co., the two groups buying Wickes for \$538.9 million, had said previously that they might sell parts of the company holdings, which include Wickes Furniture, Builders Emporium home improvement stores and Orchard Supply Harda government of Prime Ministe Andreas Papandreou and prompted the regnations of two

Mexico National Airline Is Sold for \$340 Million

Compiled by Our Staft From Dispatches MEXICO CITY - The Mexican government on Friday completed the sale of the national airline. Aeroméxico, for \$340 million as part of its program to sell off state firms.

The price was significantly higher than had been expected. Seventy-five percent of the airline was purchased by a group of private investors and

Bancomer, a government-controlled bank. The remaining 25 percent stake was bought by the Mexican pilots' union. The sale of the airline, which had been planned for months, was almost delayed earlier this week after some bidders threatened to pull out of the negotiations because some government officials had backed away from the pro-

posal to sell the entire airline. The government then decided to sell the whole company to the private sector.

In April, the government announced that Aeroméxico was bankrupt. The carrier was inefficient, the government said, and was absorbing a government subsidy of more than \$100 million a year.

vated airline was unveiled in October and put up for sale. It has a fleet of 29 tets. The Mexican government also has been considering the sale of its share in Mexicana Airlines, which is heavily in debt.

Aeroméxico planes continued to operate on a

reduced basis for five months before the reno-



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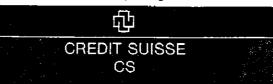
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Hungary Revises Net Foreign Debt To \$13.4 Billion

BUDAPEST — The head of Hungary's cen-tral bank, Ferenc Bartha, said Friday that his nation's debt burden, already the highest per capita in Eastern Europe, was more than \$3

A Western diplomat said most of the nonin terest-bearing "assets" were trade credits or soft loans extended for political reasons to Third World countries.

He said he did not think that the figures would be news to Western bankers or that they

this figure were either expired or "doubtful." He said Hungary needed clear new rules on

when bad loans should be written off. The analysis on the debt figures follows a statement by the Hungarian leader, Karoly Grosz, that he did not know how realistic the sums listed as assets were and that the National Bank would need six months to unravel the

details. A member of the legislature, Rudolf Kokai, asked last week: "Where are those much-cited \$7 billion of foreign assets?"

Mr. Bartha said Hungary's gross debt was

equivalent to about 60 percent of its gross domestic product. But though high by any international standards, it was not unmanageable. Annual payments of interest alone would amount to \$1.1 billion to \$1.2 billion over the

next two or three years, he added. In an effort to stop the rise in total debt by 1991. Hungary should be able to achieve an annual surplus on goods, services and tourism equivalent to the interest payments within the

"The bank has apparently now decided, in the way that Western banks have, to present

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Pound Ends Strongly Against Dollar

London Dollar Rates

NEW YORK — The pound moved strongly higher Friday on news of a one-point rise in British interest rates, to 13 percent. Trading was slow after the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday.

The British currency closed in New York at \$1.8420, up from Wednesday's close of \$1.8365. Overall, the dollar ended little changed from levels before the holiday and did nothing to alter the worried that his strategy is not vialower trend set since George Bush's

victory in the U.S. presidential election, dealers said. After falling to 120.65 yen earlier Friday in Asia, near the postwar low of 120.45 set Jan. 4, the dollar ended at 121.25, up from Wednesday's 121.075. The U.S. corrency

closed at 1.7170 Deutsche marks. up from Wednesday's 1.7163. The dollar's fall since early Sep-tember is now linked with the perceived ability of the coming Bush administration to cut the U.S. budget and trade deficits. Mr. Bush has not retreated from his pre-election

tightening of fiscal policy to combat runaway domestic demand.

Likewise, it has said it will not

A depreciation of the pound, which would in theory help the

trade balance by making exports

less expensive and imports more

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher

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and costly imports, is running at 6.4 percent, well ahead of the 4.5

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the deficit. Currency traders are ble, dealers said. Without tax rises, "it will take

years to cut the deficit," said Shigeru Tokunaga, foreign exchange manager of Fuji Bank's New York branch. "We cannot wait three or

In London, the pound ended at a five-month high against the dollar, bolstered by a one-point rise in British commercial lending rates to 13 percent after Britain reported a quadrupling of the current account deficit.

"A £2.4 billion deficit is terrible, but as long as interest rates remain

Wednesday, Mr. Lawson

said that the effect of recent rate rises would take time. "We have

already seen the first signs of a

slowdown in economic activity, but

the trend is not yet clear," he said.

rent account was five times the fig-ure reported a year earlier, £491

cit for the first 10 months this year

Mr. Lawson predicted earlier this month that the deficit for the

full year would be £13 billion, up

had been for a deficit of £4 billion.

count deficit of £15 billion this

year, or more than 3 percent of

In merchandise trade, the deficit

The deficit in last month's cur-

that high, it takes a brave person to sell sterling," said David Tait, chief spot trader at Goldman Sachs.

The pound closed at \$1.8445 in London compared with \$1,8375 at Thursday's close. It was the pound's best showing against the dollar since May 31. The British currency closed at 3.1648 Deutsche marks, up sharply from 3.1518 on

The dollar was steadier Friday, but dealers said they expected it to test new lows when markets return to full swing next week after the Thanksgiving holidays.

By the close, the dollar had pared all the gains resulting from Bank of Japan intervention and talk of a rise in the U.S. discount rate. Against the yen, the dollar ended in London at 121.15 yen, up from

121.03 the previous day. It closed at 1.7145 DM, unchanged. "The dollar is still susceptible to further fall," Mr. Tait of Goldman Sachs said. Dealers said the dollar was likely to test its postwar low of 120.45 yen.

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capital goods, rose 13 percent in

distorted somewhat by a Septem-

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mists said the current account defi-

cit would have totaled at least £2.1

billion for October, not counting

The raising of commercial banks' base lending rates to 13 per-

cent, the eighth rise in base rates

since June when they stood at 7.5

percent, was prompted by the Bank of England at midday, when it raised its money market lending rate one point, to 13 percent.

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been trying to regain authority from local and regional authorities, which might make it more difficult Currency traders Friday in Tokyo, with a sign showing the dollar at 120.70 yea. The dollar fell to 120.67 during trading but closed at 121.15 yea, unchanged from Thursday's record low Tokyo close. for some provinces to advance their projects with South Korea.

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TRADE: Britain's Current Account Deficit at Record and Iran equal quotas of 2.64 million barrels a day. pared to take any risks with inflation." ed. The October figure showed a cumulative 10-month total of £17 OPEC has been producing a to-tal of about 21 million barrels a day billion. Last year, the total was in recent weeks, far above its previ-Imports, led by automobiles and

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tion and measures to curb it. lion from a revised £7.5 billion the During the talks in Vienna, Mr. seizing a greater share of the world Agazadeh repeatedly said that Iran market. The October trade figures were would not accept a production agreement that gave Iraq parity with Iran

The OPEC agreement would in effect alter Iran's position as the second largest producer in the cartel. And it is still possible that hardliners in Tehran might reject the lowance levels.

Earlier in the week, Mr. Agazadeh said Iran would increase production sharply rather than yield to pressure from Saudi Arabia, OPEC's largest producer, and from Kuwait and the United Arab Emir-

OPEC: Markets Shaken as Cartel Nears Quota Accord with Iraq produces more than 50 percent of OPEC's oil, had warned ther increase the surplus. Analysts said that might push prices down since October that unless Iran agreed to give Iraq parity on pro-duction, they would flood the oil markets, weakening prices and de-

> ers, of vital revenue. Oil prices have fallen by about one-third in the past year, as oil-producing nations inside and outside of OPEC raised production in price erosion." the hopes of boosting revenue by

A December 1986 quota agreement, while still theoretically in force, has long been violated by most OPEC members. The United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Ecuador, Qatar and Iraq all

have produced oil above their al-The most flagrant violator has been the United Arab Emirates,

which in hime said its official quota of 948,000 barrels a day would no longer suffice. It claimed a quota of 1.5 million barrels per day and has

In any case, the official added, shandong and Liaoning provinces—as well as China's premier financial company, China International Trust & Investment Co.—are like-Overproduction is likely to conly to open offices in Seoul within a tinue at least until Jan. 1, and furyear.
China and South Korea "would make a good fit," said Christine

Sanford Margoshes, an oil analyst in New York, said he had perceived "an abiding belief on the part of skeptics that any agreement lasts only so long before it gives way to cheating, oversupply and

The agreement represents a stra-tegic triumph for the Saudi coalition, which has kept a tight rein on the cartel. As a result, the Saudis and their allies are expected dictate oil prices for the next few years.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and some other OPEC members agreed to small cuts in their share of production to increase Irag's share to the Iranian level.

President Saddam Hussein of Iraq has said such parity was the only way Iraq would accept an OPEC quota. He had threatened to increase Iraqi production to more than 4 million barrels a day within TIES: Seoul-Beijing Trade Grows Wong, an economist at the Univer-

(Continued from first finance page) sity of California at Santa Cruz rea, but Chinese and Korean who specializes in China. As wages rise in Korea, she said, sources say northeastern Liaoning companies there are considering Province may also have been quietly allowed to do so.

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A delegation from Hubei Provfind useful.

South Korean ousiness executives appear torn between awe at the magnitude of the potential Chinese market and apprehension about the difficulties of doing business in China.

"I was very happy as a tourist, but as a business investor I would be very cautious," said Kim Hiyong the president of Tong-Yang Mool-San Inc., a Korean firm that produces metal products from cutlery to farm machinery.

Many South Koreans seem to hope that relations with China will hold political as well as economic advantages.

"In general, it is not wise to be hasty," Kim Young Sam, a Korean opposition leader, said in a recent interview, "But improving relations with China and also the U.S.S.R. would simultaneously improve re-lations and dialogue with North

SCENE: Budget Deadlock Looms

(Continued from first finance page) advisers that the United States can and in research and development.

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At the same time, other prov-

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A Chinese official said some

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to open trade offices and would be

reprimanded if they did. In recent

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ing's formal approval.

"flexible freeze" on spending. Starting from a low level of unemployment and a high level of capacity utilization, the group argued that economic growth can be expected to slow and revenue growth will slow, too.

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Efforts to speed the fully employed economy's expansion would be more likely to breed inflation and add to the U.S. trade problem. One could hope to speed real

vestment in plant and equipment national savings and raising inter-est rates, retards such outlays.

The assembly urged Mr. Bush and Congress to act expeditiously on the deficit after a careful review of both revenues and expenditures.

"An agreement on a credible. multiyear deficit-reduction package should be negotiated in a collaborative spirit and concluded as ately ahead will depend over- quickly as possible," the assembly declared. But that now looks un-

> And that is what is troubling the markets and causing a pullout of Japanese and other foreign investment, putting upward pressure on interest rates and downward pres-



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BOOKS

LA CAPITAL: The Biography of Mexico City

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Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani 66 A CAPITAL: The Biography of Mex-Lico City"—the title of Jonathan Kandell's hefty new book — suggests the sort of impressionistic portrait of a place that writers like Jan Morris ("Venice," "Ox-

that writers like Jan Morris ("Venice," "Ox-ford," "Manhattan '45") and Mary McCar-thy ("The Stones of Florence," "Venice Observed") have pioneered. The reader expects that Kandell, who

grew up in Mexico City and who later covered Latin America as a correspondent for The New York Times, will draw upon his observations of the region, that he will give us the benefit of his first-hand knowledge.

Except for a brief autobiographical pro-logue, however, "La Capital" is a dispas-sionate, prodigiously researched primer on Mexico, summarizing huge swaths of history and containing little new reporting. Though Kandell gives us a sense of what daily life was like in Mexico City during various cras, he is less interested in the metropolis itself than in writing a conventional history of the country at large.

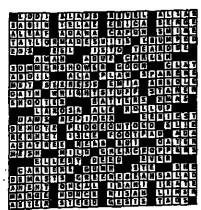
Indeed, the book starts off, much like a Michener novel, with a discussion of what Mexico looked liked during the dinosaur era, then plunges into an extended discussion of the tumultuous Indian empires that succeeded one another there.

The descriptions of the violent rituals practiced by the Aztecs will be familiar to many readers who remember their social studies courses: sadistic rites of passage in which young warriors pierced their ears and tongues with thorns; gory human sacrifices to the hummingbird god Huitzilopochtli, and ornate religious banquets featuring dishes of human flesh. The Spanish conquest of Mexico - which

Kandell views as the logical culmination of the country's crusading Roman Catholic mission and the discovery of the New World as an arena for its imperial ambitions would, of course, prove as savage as the Aztec empire it replaced.

Not only did the Spaniards massacre thousands of Aztecs but they also brought to the New World a host of diseases that would nearly annihilate the local populations: Before the arrival of the Spaniards, Kandell estimates, there were 12 million to 25 million Indians in Mexico; a century after the con-quest, only 1,2 million remained.

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle



Much of Mexico's ensuing history simi-larly becomes a litany of violence and confrontation, from the so-called Tumult of 1692 (which focused tensions between the poverished Indians, blacks, mulattoes and mestizos) through the early 19th-century fight for independence and the revolution, which ended in 1920 with the death of at

least a milion people.

In relating these events, Kandell shows how Mexico's current social, economic and political difficulties grew out of situations that developed in the 17th century, including the exhaustion of natural resources and

the emergence of a "complex, volatile, mul-tiracial society."

He shows how the "golden decades" (1940-1970), marked by an economic boom and the growth of an urban middle-class elite, were actually built upon a foundation of poverty, and how old tensions (between church and state, between landowners and the disenfranchised peasants, between dif-

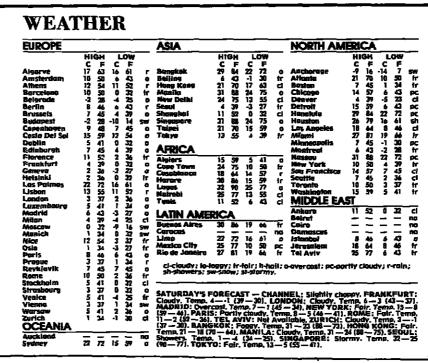
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ferent races and castes) fuel social discontent.

The overall narrative approach, however, anecdotal rather than analytical, the focus political issues. We are given, for instance, chatty, informal portraits of such famous historical personages as Cortés, Archduke Maximilian, the eight-time President Porfirio Diaz, the revolutionaries Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata and the radical artist Diego Rivera.

Such portraits help make "La Capital" a highly readable book and they enliven the heaps of historical data, orchestrated with such authority by Kandell. Ultimately, they make for a volume that reconfirms rather than enhances or challenges the popular picture of Mexico as a land of great wealth and greater poverty, a land with a violent past and an uncertain future.

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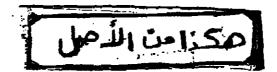












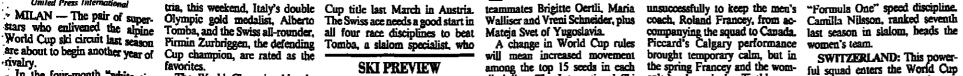
SPORTS

Meltdown to the World Cup: Tomba vs. Zurbriggen

World Cup ski circuit last season are about to begin another year of

In the four-month white cir-In the four-month white circus," which begins its 23d season with women's and men's super.

The World Championships in this year are in Vail, Colorado, Jan. 29 to Feb. 12. giant statoms in Schladming, Aus-



Zurbriggen took his third World



Tomba: 'It was a pleasure to stretch out with a dish of pasta.'

Tomba, a slalom specialist, who

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took six slaloms and three giant statoms in his 1987-88 rise. "I wish I had the title in my pocket," Zurbriggen said. "But it will be a struggle with Alberto from the start. You saw how I got behind last year and had to catch

title by 29 points, has shed the extra pounds he added over the summer in living as reigning na-tional sports idol.

"After eating poorly in other countries during the season, it was a real pleasure to stretch my legs out under the table at home with a dish of pasta," Tomba said. "But I didn't put on so much weight. I'll be fit for the season. The 21-year-old from the gourmet town of Bologna signed a pro-

Management Group in June. Tomba's success boosted the ski industry into a sales boom that

motion deal with the International

will be fending off challenges from

A change in World Cup rules will mean increased movement among the top 15 seeds in each discipline. The International Ski Federation (FIS) will revise seedings after each race instead of every several months. That means a poor finish one week will mean a lower starting number the next. Following are the prospects of

eadine nations:

AUSTRIA: Kurt Hoch is the new downhill coach. Hubert Strolz, the combined gold medalist, is in too form but still seeks his first World Cup victory. Among the women, Olympic gold medalskier on a No. 1 FIS slot (super G) expects another good season.

CANADA: Rob Boyd, 22, was third in the downhill standings last year and 11th overall but he was disappointing in the Olympics. Karen Percy, 22, a double bronze medalist at Calgary, leads a strong women's team FRANCE: Franck Piccard, the

double Olympic medalist, will race continues. with echoes of an ugly power Michela Figini of Switzerland, struggle in the coaching staff. In the women's season champion, January, the national technical director, Jean-Pierre Puthod, tried

companying the squad to Canada. Piccard's Calgary performance brought temporary calm, but in the spring Francey and the women's head coach, Jan Tischhauser, resigned, citing disagreements

Among the women, Catherine Quittet is the top points hope,

with Puthod.

ITALY: The best Italian slalom racer behind Tomba was Richard Pramotton, 31st overall. He resumed skiing in October after a knee injury at Calgary. The down-hill squad will focus on Michael Mair, ninth last season. The women's team faces a re-

ch, Stefano Dalmasso, is making a return to the team, where he worked from 1977-85. Most promising is a former Olympic sla-lom champion, Paoletta Magoni-Sforza, in the gate races, and a young downhiller, Deborah Cam-

. SWEDEN: Ingemar Stenmark competes on the World Cup circuit for a l6th season. One of the best ever to race the gates, he will also aim for a fourth World Championships title in Vail. A promising 22-year-old, Lars-Borie Eriksson, is a top prospect in the sport's

women's team.

SWITZERLAND: This powerful squad enters the World Cur season with virtually no changes to a roster. Even the most senior downhiller, 31-year-old Peter Mueller, was excited enough about his prospects for a 12th season to postpone retirement.

His nemesis is, of course, the allrounder and three-time World Cup champion, Zurbriggen, 25, who surprised his rans with an announcement that he will quit after two more years. Swiss coaching ranks have un-

building year. The new head coa-ch, Stefano Dalmasso, is making a women are now handled by Jan Tischhauser, who quit the French squad. Vreni Schneider, Maria Walliser and Beatrice Gafner all face a comeback. Serious falls last March in Colorado ended the season for all three. UNITED STATES: A rebuild-

ing year is in store after an embar-rassment in Calgary. Jeremy Nobis, 1988 World Junior downhill champ, and Tommy Moe, 1987 silver medalist, may be ready to emerge. Tamara McKinney, 1983 World Cup champion, is being pushed by youngsters. So is Felix



Zurbriggen: 'I wish I had the title in my pocket.'

slalom artist.
Ueli Luthi, the men's coach, top 10 in the downhill. Bill Johnson, the 1984 Olympic downhill champion, has scraped his way onto the B team. Debbie Armstrong the 1984 Olympic giant sla-

lom champ, has retired.
WEST GERMANY: The retirement of Marina Kiehl, the Olym-pic downhill champion, shocked-the team. Taking up the slack will

yards per game). Boomer Esiason and Jim Kelly rank 1-2 in the con-

game surfaces. Under Coach Sam Wyche, the Bengals are 18-1 when

they rush for 200 or more yards.

New England (7-5) at Indianapolis (6-6): A critical game for India-

napolis, which, after a rough start

this season, managed a surge only to find it could not handle the big

boys. Minnesota beat the Colts by

McGrath, an FIS third-ranked slalom artist.

Ueli Luthi, the men's coach, Kinshofer-Guetlein, who won a says Jeff Olson should finish in the silver and bronze at Calgary, remained under treatment for back

YUGOSLAVIA: Mateja Svel. 20, the Olympic slalom silver medalist, blossomed last season. The women's team coach, Joze Drobnic, predicts a points battle between Svet and the Swiss. Bojan

From Football's Heartland, A Devoutly Modest Phenom

By Bill Connors New York Times Service

STILLWATER, Oklahoma Barry Sanders is a throwback to a time when the campus football hero was the modest kid from next door, and size and recruiting did not matter.

Sanders, the 5-foot-8-inch (1.7meter) junior tailback for Oklaho-State University, was over-Doked by most college recruiters, is rarely seen at night except at a Bible study class, dislikes publicity and does not want to win the Heisman Trophy

Despite his wishes, Sanders is a leading contender for the Heisman He has set National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-A scoring records for a season with 35 touchdowns and 210 points, and with one game left he is within reach of the national Division I-A

rushing record. By rushing for 47 yards - 183 under his average — against Texas Tech, Sanders would break the record of 2,342 yards that Marcus

Texas A&M Tops Kival Texas by 4

AUSTIN, Texas - Darren Lews ran for 212 yards and a touchwn, and linebacker John Roper returned a blocked field goal 48 vards for another score as Texas A&M built a big early lead and then held off Texas 28-24 in a Thanksgiving Day college football

Texas, closing its worst season since 1956 with a 4-7 record, rallied from a 28-0 second-quarter deficit behind quarterback Mark Murdock's three touchdown passes. Wayne Clements' 39-yard field goal cut the A&M lead to four points in the fourth period.

The victory enabled Texas A&M to finish its season 7-4.

Sanders will not be in New York ers said. when the 1988 Heisman recipient is named on Dec. 3. He will be in Tokyo for Oklahoma State's game against Texas Tech the next day. Sanders admits he would rather play against a defense dedicated to denying him a record than be the subject of a ceremonial news conference at the Downtown Athletic Club in Manhattan.

He feels about interviews as he does about the Heisman. "I am a Christian, and Christians

do not gloat or brag," he said. "I feel very awkward talking about myself. It seems like bragging. Individual awards call attention to vourself. Those closest to Sanders say he

has virtually no social life. He is an average student who spends most of his time practicing football, lifting weights, studying and resting. Sanders' favorite hangout is the weightroom. His muscular 197pound (89-kilogram) body is a tell-

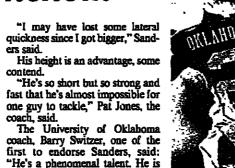
strength coach, said Sanders bench to play him at tailback, but his

557 pounds. "That rates with the linemen," Schmidt added. "I was at Notre Dame and Nebraska before I came here, and I never saw a kid in either

of those programs who worked as hard as Sanders." Schmidt said Sanders has a vertical jump of 40 inches (about a meter). "I've never seen anyone, any-where, who could do that,"

Schmidt said. Sanders is also uncommonly tough and durable. He has carried the ball 300 times this year and been to the training room for treat-

ment only once. Sanders is also exceptionally fast and elusive. His time in the 40-yard dash was 4.4 seconds when he enrolled at Oklahoma State weighing



215 yards on us. He can fly through a kevhole. But Switzer was among those who fumbled when it was time to

the open field. Oklahoma State

didn't block us, and Sanders gained

recruit Sanders, one of 11 children growing up in Wichita, Kansas. Switzer admitted his error: "We evaluated him and turned him down. He was awfully small and playing wingback when we saw

Sanders did not play tailback untale indication of his passion for weight training and explains his ability to break tackles.

til the fourth game of his senior season in high school.

Bob Schepler, Sanders's first

Bob Schepler, Sanders's first Jerry Schmidt, the team's high school coach, said: "I wanted back, and Barry did not want to compete against him."

Dale Burkholder, who coached Sanders as a senior, said: "I came into the system new, and the former staff recommended another tailback. I thought Barry was better, but when I asked him where he wanted to play, he said wingback. We called it slotback in our I-for-

After his team won only one of its first three games, Burkholder moved Sanders to tailback. He rushed for 1,417 yards. By that time, most recruiters had written him off and did not see Sanders develop into a star.

Burkholder said he was rebuffed when he attempted to convince recruiters of their oversight: "Wichita State is only 200 yards from the good."



Barry Sanders, galloping

we don't n other midget.' Kansas and Kansas State were not interested."

Oklahoma State's interest was whetted when the assistant coach, George Walstad, saw a videotap of Sanders. Walstad admitted he was so fascinated that he kept the video two weeks "so other recruiters didn't have a chance to see it."

Jones said: "We thought of Sanders as just another name on the board - until he got here. In his first scrimmage as a freshman he made some impressive runs on our No. 1 defense. It was just a matter of days and we knew he was something special. We saw the nation in kickoff returns. "But we had no idea he was this

proof last year when he led the

Saints Will Probe an Iffy Giants Defense

Bengals by 31/2.

series. Colts by 5.

By Thomas George New York Tinus Service NEW YORK - "Oh, boy," said Jim Mora, the coach of the New Orleans Saints as he ruminated about Sunday's National Football

League game with the New York

"Now, you know, the Giants are **NFL PREVIEW**

big and physical and mean." he led. "They're tough." The Giants, who are 7-5 this sea-

son, are also suspect. Their defense is iffy -23d in the league in total defense, 25th against the pass — and on Sunday in New Orleans it will be challenged. The Saints, 9-3, may have beaten the Denver Broncos by 42-0 last Sunday, but the frightening thought for the Giants is that the young Saints

seem likely to get even better. The Saints throw short and run ong. Their defense hits all day. Las Vegas odds-makers rate the Saints as 5½-point favorites.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE Phoenix (7-5) at Philadelphia (7-5): Footballs should fly in Veterans Stadium. J. T. Smith and Roy Green of the Cardinals, and Cris Carter and Keith Jackson of the Eagles are all dynamite receivers. Neil Lomax, who missed the last game with a knee injury, may play ierback for Phoeni

2): Ho-hum. The Bears need incen- Walker and Steve Pelhier, gave the missed the extra point but kicked tive. Here's some: they can clinch a Oilers a fright. Pelluer fooled them field goals of 47 and 22 yards:

tory. They also seem to be on their yards per game), but the Bills have way to a fifth consecutive NFC the AFC's No. 1 defense (270.9) Central title. Bears by 131/2.

Tampa Bay (3-9) at Atlanta (4-8): The Falcons have won three of their last four games. They are getting big plays from John Settle, a second-year free agent running back from Appalachian State. Their No. 1 pick, Aundray Bruce, a linebacker, was the NFC's defensive player of the week. Falcons by

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Miami (5-7) at New York Jets (5-6-1): Remember the first one, when Dan Marino threw for 521 yards and Miami lost? Well, neither team probably remembers much of anything lately. Both have three-game losing streaks. Both are dropping quickly out of sight in the playoff nicture. Jets by 21/2.

Buffalo (11-1) at Cincinnati (9-3): Buffalo would gain the home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a victory. But the

INTERCONFERENCE Cleveland (7-5) at Washington Bengals are 5-0 in Riverfront Stadium this season. The Bengals have more fun to watch than the Cleve-

Dallas Falls to Oilers, 25-17

Drew Hill in the final period ral does, he'll have to contend with the the Houston Oilers to a 25-17 goal trimmed the deficit to 17-13 menacing Reggie White, who leads the NFL with 124 sacks. Eagles by Dallas Cowboys, who suffered a third-down pass to Leonard Harris

ninth consecutive loss. The Cowboys, behind Herschel game-winning drive. Zendejas

IRVING, Texas - Warren around right to a touchdown from

Moon's five-yard scoring pass to three yards away for a 17-10 lead.

wild-card playoff spot with a vic- the league's No. 1 offense (392.2 land offense. Joe Gibbs, the Washington coach, might be afraid to peek at his offense after the way the ball was picked off in the Redskins' loss to the 49ers Monday night. Washington needs a victory badly. Redskins by 1.

ference in passing. With all things equal, see if the Bengals' running Los Angeles Rams (7-5) at Denver (6-6): "I thought we had a pretty good football team, but we're playing careless football," said John Robinson, criticizine his Rams. Early in the season, while others were heaping praise on his team, Robinson would simply smile and try to keep his players focused. He said they were young, 12-3 last Sunday. New England has were going to make mistakes, and won eight of the last nine in this weren't as good as they thought they were. He was right. Much the same could be said of the Broncos.

Kansas City (3-8-1) at Pittsburgh (2-10): The Chiefs went 1-8-1 and then beat Cincinnati and Seattle. Odds-makers rate this game even. San Francisco (7-5) at San Diego With four games left, they trail the 4-8): Don't overlook the Chargers. division leaders by two and one-half games. Playoffs? Steelers by 2. They are 2-0 against the 49ers in San Diego and are fresh from dumping the Rams 34-28. "We've got 24 free agents on this team," said Al Saunders, the Chargers' coach. "We're young but you can see the young kids making progress and ready to keep building. We wish the season could start over

today." 49ers by 7.

MONDAY NIGHT Los Angeles Raiders (6-6) at Seattle (6-6): Both teams are tied with West. Seattle has plenty to prove after losing to Kansas City. Whatever happens, it probably won't be to keep alive what proved to be the as important as the last act, their meeting in Los Angeles on Dec, 18 in the regular-season finale. Seattle

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SIDELINES

Auburn Rolls Over Alabama, 15-10

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama (AP) - Ron Stallworth led Auburn's defense with four quarterback sacks, one for a safety, and Lawyer Tillman set up a touchdown with a 53-yard reception as the seventh-ranked college football team defeated Alabama, 15-10. The victory over Alabama, ranked 17, is likely to send Auburn to the Sugar Bowl

postseason competition. The victory gave the Auburn Tigers a share of the Southeastern Conference championship with the No. 16 team, Louisiana State, Auburn is expected to face the No. 5 team, Florida State, on Jan. 2 in New Orleans. Louisiana State will head for the Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa to

The victory was the sixth in a row for the Tigers, who closed their

Polish Fencer Seeks Asylum in Bonn

BONN (AFF) — A leading Polish fencer, Piotr Jablkowski, has requested political asylum in West Germany. Jablkowski, 30, defected earlier this month while taking part in a World Cup tournament in the Netherlands, and West German officials on Friday confirmed that he had

Fourth in the 1978 World Championships in Hamburg, Jablkowski was a member of Poland's silver medal-winning epic team at the Moscow Olympic Games in 1980. He is the third Polish lencer to seek refuge in West Germany in the last six months, following the defections earlier this year of Mariusz Strzalka and Robert Felisiak.

Dunlop Spurns McEnroe for Agassi

LONDON (AFP) — John McEnroe, the former top-ranked tennis pro, is losing his £1 million (\$1.8 million) contract with Dunlop. The British racket company, whose agreement with the American expires at the end of the year, is refusing to meet McEnroe's renewal terms. "Although John has given Dunlop great service over the years and helped sell our rackets, he's got an inflated value of his own worth now," said a company spokesman. Dunlop has already opened negotiations

with new U.S. star, Andre Agassi. For the Kecord

Rund Gullit, the Dutch soccer star of Italian champion A.C. Milan, has strained his left thigh in a training session, and doctors said Friday he will be mable to play a crucial championship match against Napoli. (AP) Kevin Fallon, coach of New Zealand's national soccer team, has resigned, less than a mouth before his team begins World Cup qualifying matches. He cited the New Zealand Soccer Association's financial

Pam Shriver, on Gabriela Sabatini: "If you want to cover her crosscourt forehand, you have to start running yesterday."

EAST MEETS WEST — The Japanese great Chiyonofuji, right, pounds home a point to Konishiki, from Hawaii, in a match in Fuknoka, Japan. Chiyonofuji took his 50th straight victory and retains the second-longest winning streak in modern sumo history. **ESCORTS & GUIDES** INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFIED **ESCORTS & GUIDES**

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Back to the Glory Days

By Isabel Wilkerson New York Times Service

ETROIT — The neon lights

went on again at the grand old Fox Theatre last week, and one of the country's largest and gandiest remaining movie palaces re-opened amid hopes that it might hold the magic to turn Detroit

The theater, built 60 years ago by William Fox, founder of the film company that later became 20th Century-Fox, fell into disrepair in the 1950s, in a decline that mirrored the city's own. The roof leaked, the seats were torn, and decades of soot had cast a gray pall over its gold-leaf gargoyles. It went from first-run films and performers like Frank Sinatra and Diana Ross to rap concerts and kung fu movies.

Last year, the theater was bought by Michael Ilitch, a Detroit busiessman who made his fortune on Little Caesars Pizza, a national restaurant chain. Ilitch was determined to revive the theater and the seedy blocks around it.

He also said he would move his company's headquarters from the northern suburb of Farmington Hills to office space above the the ater next year, a coup for a troubled city often at odds with its affluent suburbs.

The \$35-million restoration is one of the most ambitious downtown development projects since the Renaissance Center hotel and shopping complex opened 11 years ago. People are hoping it will at-tract further development that will revive the central city in a way that

For months, workers have been restoring the old theater, washing the walls, reglazing the sculptures. varnishing the brass and copper doors, and coaxing out the coral and turquoise of the great faux-marbre columns. The lifeless city blocks around it got a face-lift, too, with new street lamps and brick pavement for Woodward Avenue,

Detroit's weathered main street. For the grand opening, a caravan of stretch limousines dropped off people in mink and black tie. The guests drank champagne next to leonine ice sculptures and stared at the cailing of hand-carved gold leaf that seemed to glow in the dim light

"I feel like I'm in Europe," said one theatergoer, Susan Burke. "I

Fox originally built the 5,000seat theater as the largest and grandest of what he envisioned as a string of fancy theaters around the country to showcase his movies. He ran out of money before he was able to complete them all.

With its hand-stenciled walls and velvet throne chairs. Detroit's Fox Theatre was a monument to pre-Depression excess. Fox's wife, Eve, dreamed up the theme, an amalgam of Far Eastern, Egyptian, and Babylonian icons and styles and she traveled the world collect-

ing artifacts for the theater.

"It's the most heavily ornamented theater that remains," said Ray Sheohardson, a theater historian who oversaw the restoration. "It is typically American, having stolen from every conceivable architectural style and built a symphony of architecture that functions beautifully as a theater acoustically."

Doris McKenna, one of the original Fox Tillerettes, styled after the Rockettes, remembers it well. The other day, she went up on the stage where she used to high-kick. "I walked out there, and it was like 60 years disappearing," she said.

KESTORED, the Fox now looks like the Buddhist temples that inspired it, romantic and ing and larger than life with its 10-foot (3-meter) Chinese drag-ons and two-ton chandelier. "I didn't dream it could look this good," Ilitch said. "It's an overall celebration. It's thrilling to see something battered and abused re-

The gala reopening was sold out, and everybody had a story. Frank and Phyllis Marra of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, went to a movie at the Fox Theatre on their first date

39 years ago. He and other patrons remempered when people used to leave the Fox and go the stores and soda fountains that lined Woodward Avenue. In those days, he said, "you could run into friends just walking down the street."

Not any more. But people are hoping the resuscitated Fox will bring more people back. Marra, for one, is optimistic. "It looks even more spectacular than I remember it," he said, scanning the gold everywhere. "It's what Detroit once came here as a child and took it for was and what it can be again."

Raoul Felder and the Messy Divorce

By Howard Kurtz

Washington Prest Service
N EW YORK — Raoul Lionel Felder,
who charges 6450 an hour who charges \$450 an hour to guide wealthy celebrities through nasty divorces, considers himself something of an expert on the female psyche.

"A woman is like a Stradivarius violin," he says. "The humidity has to be right to play it. Otherwise, they'll throw in the

The bearded, soft-spoken attorney is a virtuoso when it comes to plucking this particular instrument, the grief-stricken wife. He does a few riffs on famous husbands as well. As his roster of rich clients has grown - Robin Givens, Lisa Gastineau, Nancy Capasso, Brian De Palma, Mrs. Frank Gifford, Mrs. Joseph Heller, Mrs. Carl Sagan, Mrs. Martin Scorsese, Mrs. Alan Jay Lerner, to name-drop a few -Felder has all but eclipsed Marvin Mitchelson as one of the most well-publicized matrimonial lawyers.

Felder, 54, scored a rare triple knockout last month when he took on Givens's 15round divorce against the heavyweight champion, Mike Tyson. One, Givens recruited him after dumping Mitchelson. Two, it was the first case for his newly formed "tricoastal" practice, a controver sial alliance with attorneys in California, Florida and New Jersey. Finally, it brought Felder a flood of new headlines, and he announced a settlement in days.

That was only the beginning Felder, who has never seen the actress in person, kept trading verbal blows with Tyson's California lawyer, and last week he filed a \$125 million libel suit against Tyson on Givens's behalf. Each day, Felder seemed to move closer to the center of the story. And that, say Felder's detractors, is typical of this sharp-tongued lawyer who employs his own public-relations man.

"He is the absolute best at a lot of things," says Robert Dobrish, a Manhattan lawyer who handles big-time divorces. "I don't think one of those is lawyering. Most of the lawyers who are good in this field relish the idea of going up against Felder."
But Felder's adversaries treat him gin-

gerly, perhaps with good reason. Norman Sheresky, a New York lawyer, was recently quoted in a Miami newspaper as saying that Felder pretends to be a trial lawyer when he is not. He has no familiarity with how to try a case." Felder hit Sheresky with a \$7 million libel suit.

Felder may be a tad defensive about his reputation, but he is comfortable with his persona, his nine-lawyer practice and his courtroom skills. "I am a crackerjack trial lawyer," he declares. "If there's no beef in the hamburger, they ain't gonna buy the



Raoul Lionel Felder with clients Lisa Gastineau, left, and Nancy Capasso.

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He relishes opposing the blue-chip Manhattan firms, many of which have started matrimonial departments as the field has become increasingly lucrative.
"They're not equipped for it," Felder says.
"It's like a rhinoceros making love. They're overpaid and they overbill."

Felder makes no pretense about his love of money. He owns 350 suits. He keeps a gray Rolls-Royce uptown and a red Porsche downtown. He has one apartment on Fifth Avenue and another atop the Museum of Modern Art, along with a home in the Hamptons that he rarely visits. He loves to tell celebrity stories. One of

his favorite yarns is the tale of how he once bested the late Roy Cohn. It seems the wife of a prominent citizen was being forced to do "terrible things" by her new husband. Using a timing device, she captured one sexual act in a Polaroid photo, which Felder blew up into a poster-size picture. When Cohn saw the poster, he settled the divorce. Pressed about the story, however, Felder is fuzzy on the details. The "terrible" thing does not sound so terrible, nor is it clear why it would be grounds for divorce for a married couple.

One reason Felder cherishes the odd cases, he says, is that many of his clients are dull. When the rich split up, he explains, they tend to engage in pointless disputes about who gets the country home, the Mercedes or the Picassos, even though there is a millionaire sewer contractor is now the

plenty of money to make both sides happy. Felder says the divorce business has been less fun since 1980, when New York joined many other states in making divorces easier to obtain and requiring that marital property be distributed equitably. Before that, he says, "Divorce had a fault element to it. In a sense you were contesting moral issues. Now we're a legion of accountants, dealing with depositions and real estate . . You're no longer the mpion for the client. You're a mechanic. If they're steamrollered by the system,

you're an instrument of the system. But the new law, by putting more of a wealthy husband's assets at risk, has also been a boon to divorce specialists like Myrna Felder, his law partner and wife

of 25 years, says her husband "has a great bedside manner. He has that wonderful ability to be very sensitive and supportive of people who are going through this very difficult time." Some of Felder's famous clients give him

rave reviews. Eleanor Revson, former wife of the cosmetics heir Martin Revson, credits Felder with winning her a share of the couple's 56 million Fifth Avenue apartment. "He was very sympathetic and very sensitive," says Revson, who says she hired Felder after dropping Matchelson.

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trial, says of Felder: "He was kind of charming I was hysterical, and he was very good at calming me down." But, she adds, "publicity is the most important thing in his life." Capasso fired Felder when he refused to seek the removal of her divorce judge, Hortense Gabel, who is now on trial with Myerson. When Capasso appealed her divorce, she rehired Felder.

The Givens-Tyson melodrama has be-come the quintessential Felder case: bitter, bombastic and big bucks. The public breakup had gone several rounds when Felder took over as the actress's strategist and spokesman. He called a news conference to announce an end to the hostilities.

Mindful of the perception of Givens as a money-hungry opportunist, Felder read a statement in which Givens renounced any part of Tyson's \$20 million fortune -even though, he said, Tyson's lawyers were about to offer her a "substantial" settlement. When reporters insisted Givens must have a hidden agenda, Felder declared: "She wants nothing from nothing, to use a New York phrase.

Immediately, Felder found himself in conflict with opposing counsel. "Felder called me and demanded \$8 million the day before she said she didn't want anything," says Howard Weitzman, Tyson's lawyer. This guy's running a campaign based on falsehoods. He's inclined to misrepresentation over and over again."

Felder professes astonishment at Weitzman's account. "I swear by my children, it's an absolute lie," he says. "I would have expected more from the guy, but I'm not ng to rise to the bait.

Although the divorce battle bogged down in new disputes over who was entiiled to what, many people congratulated Felder — wrongly, he says — for refurbishing the tattered Givens image. "Everyone said I did it, I planned it, I rehabilitated her, but it wasn't so," he says. "She really didn't want to make money on the mar-

One day after making those comments, Felder filed the \$125 million libel suit on Givens's behalf. Felder sees no inconsistency with Givens's earlier I-don't-want-adime stance, saying it is a question of protecting her "personal dignity." The day after the lawsuit, however, he came up with a new line. 'This \$125 million, she's not gonna keep,' Felder says. "She's gonna donate it to charity." To mention this earlier, he says, would have been "in poor

As for the less than tasteful suggestion that he might be making a quick buck on the 23-year-old starlet, Felder is reassuring. "We are going to be extremely modest in whatever the legal bills are here," he says.

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Ringo Start, 48, the drummer for the Beatles, vowed he would never drink again as he and his wife, the actress Barbara Bach, returned to London from an alcoholism clinic in the United States. "I feel a lot better than I have for ages." Starr said. "I haven't had a drink for 45 days. That's amazing for me."

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